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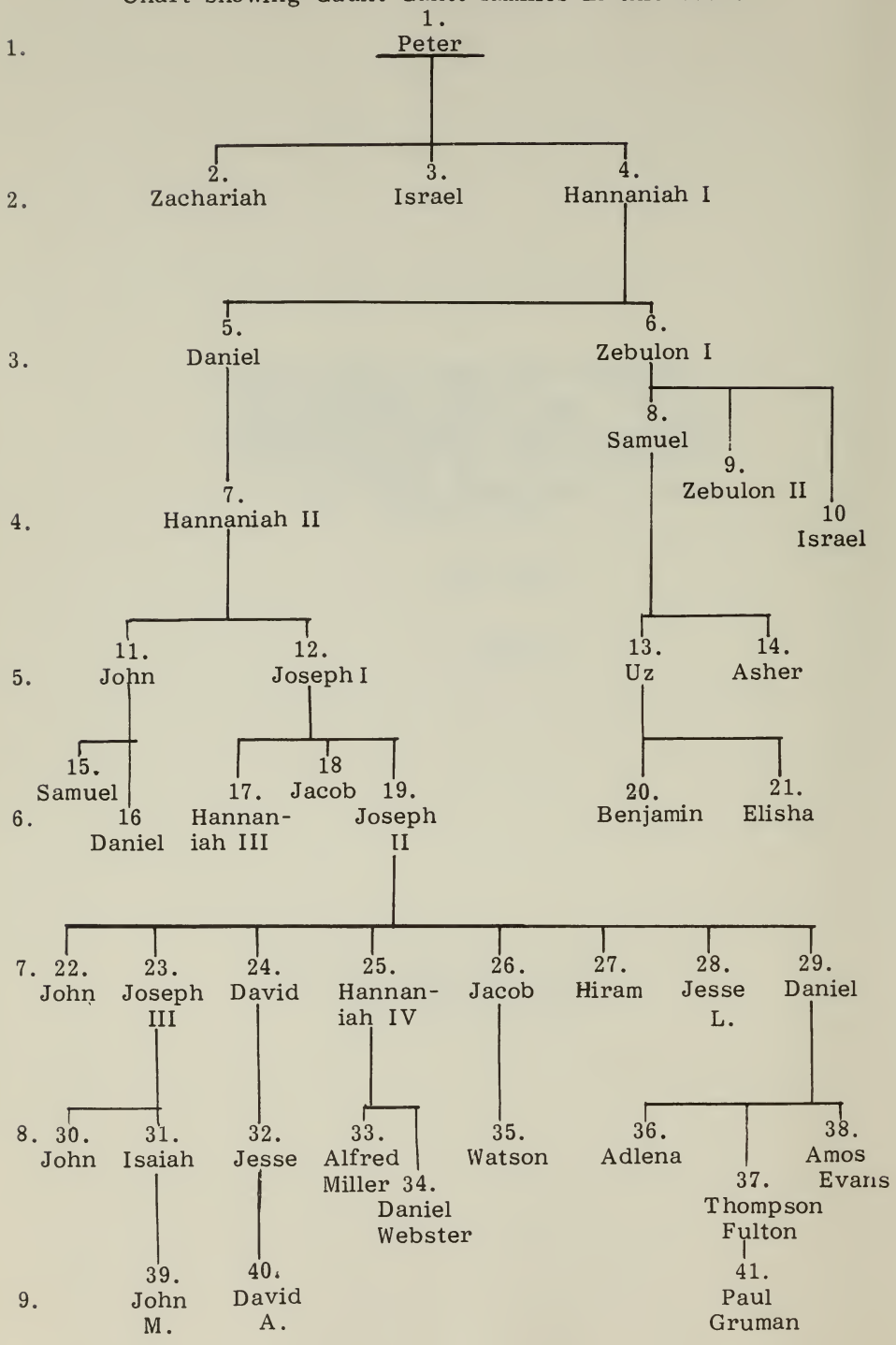
I dedicate this book to my grandmother, Lena Gantt Chalfant, who gave me many happy childhood memories, and who inspired me to want to know more about her.

Chart showing Gaunt-Gantt families in this book.



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# PREFACE

This is the story of some of the descendants of Peter Gaunt, who came to America in the 1630's and settled in Sandwich, Massachusetts. Some of his descendants still spell the name in the original way; others have changed it. Researchers need to look for Gauntt, Gant, Gantt, Gent, Gonce, Ghent, and several other spellings. To further complicate the work, there are other immigrants with those names.

We are fortunate in that two of our ancestors wrote down some of the early family history and provided us with some valuable clues. Our Great Uncle Amos Evans Gantt wrote a long letter containing what he knew about the family, and he said that most of it had been compiled by his Great Uncle Amos Evans of New Jersey, "who married into the family and had a penchant for family trees." I am grateful to both uncles.

I started with the Amos Evans Gantt letter, which I inherited, and I intended merely to check and see if it was accurate. I found that it was not only accurate but that there was much more available, and I quickly decided that I could not stop until I had found as much as possible.

Peter Gaunt was not a typical New England land holder. He was an early convert to the Society of Friends, and this made him a rebel in Puritan society. He was frequently named in the court records for disobeying the laws requiring church attendance and forbidding the harboring of Quaker missionaries. He emerges as a strong man of deep convictions who refused even to remove his hat in court.

After Peter died, his sons left Massachusetts rather then endure further persecution, and after spending a short time on Long Island, a refuge of religious tolerance, they went to New Jersey where Friends were encouraged to settle. Hannaniah, one of the sons, bought five hundred acres of land in Springfield Township near Jobstown, and this land stayed in the family for two hundred years. Hannaniah had two sons, Daniel and Zebulon. Daniel married, and had a son, Hannaniah II. This second Hannaniah was in Little Egg Harbor, Burlington County NJ in 1730. At that time Little Egg Harbor was a small seaport town settled largely by Friends from Philadel-

phia. Hannaniah II married and had two sons, John and Joseph. They both married and had sons. Some of their descendants are still living in New Jersey. One of Joseph's sons, Joseph II, moved to Pennsylvania about 1790. I shall return to him later.

Zebulon, the other son of Hannaniah I, inherited the family farm in Springfield Township. He had three sons, and the oldest one, Samuel, inherited the farm. The other two sons, Zebulon, Jr. and Israel, moved about 1754 to the Carolinas, where many Quakers were migrating. Family tradition says that when these brothers separated they agreed to add a "t" to their name so as to distinguish their branch of the family from the others. We have a few letters that were written by Zebulon and Israel to their brother, Samuel, in New Jersey. They are in the possession of one of Samuel's descendants. Some, but not all, of the southern lines went to Indiana about 1800 in a migration of Quaker families who objected to slavery. I have not done any further research on the southern branches of the family and will leave that for those who have closer access to the records.

Samuel, who remained in New Jersey, had several sons. I have included what information I have about his descendants, some of whom are still living near the original farm. However, I have not carried them past the sixth generation. I will leave that for those living and researching in New Jersey. It is reasonable to assume that most of the Gaunts or Gauntts who are now living in New Jersey are the descendants of either Hannaniah II of Little Egg Harbor or his cousin Samuel of Springfield Township. I have visited with some of them, corresponded with others, and I am grateful for their generous hospitality and for their sharing of family stories and records.

I return now to Joseph II, who was born in Little Egg Harbor, Burlington County NJ and moved about 1790 to the Juniata Valley of Pennsylvania. He settled on Middle Ridge in Cumberland County, later Perry County. This area was opened for settlement after the Revolutionary War and was settled primarily by Scotch-Irish immigrants and Germans moving west from Berks County. Joseph II was probably looking for land, and he was able to acquire about five hundred acres. He married a German woman, and they had fifteen children. When he died, his four oldest sons inherited the land, and some of his descendants still live near the site of the original farm. I have visited them and am grateful for the help they have given me. I have included what information I have

about this large family but realize there is much more. Perhaps someone in Perry County will do a better job. Sometime during the second generation in Pennsylvania, the spelling of the name was gradually changed to "Gantt", for what reason we do not know.

The thirteenth child of Joseph II was Daniel, twelve years of age when his father died. He injured his knee in childhood and walked with a limp. Probably because of the injury, and because he inherited no land, he became a surveyor and a lawyer. In 1857 he decided to move his family to the newly-opened Nebraska Territory. There he lived until his death in 1878. He did not find a fortune in the new west, but he did achieve a reputation for legal excellence and became Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court. He left two sons and two daughters, all of whom had children. I am the granddaughter of his oldest daughter, Lena. I have included as much information as I could find about Daniel's descendants.

It has been a pleasant and rewarding task to research this family. In addition to the written information that I inherited, there was a rich collection of letters scattered among cousins and a very interesting journal kept by Daniel. The early Massachusetts court records were a valuable source of information. The Quakers kept good records and provided many dates and names. New Jersey has good early land and probate records. In addition, it was satisfying to go to Perry County, Pennsylvania and see the gravestone of Joseph II and his wife, Mary, and to see the site of the original farm, part of which is now Little Buffalo State Park. It was also satisfying to go to New Jersey and see the original farm home built by Hannaniah I, and across the road from it, the beautiful house, called *Haninicon,* the Indian name for the area. Also nearby is the original Quaker Meeting House with its burying ground where many Gauntts are buried. In Little Egg Harbor the residences were not identifiable, but the Meeting House and its burying bround are well preserved.

I hope this book is not the only attempt to compile a record of the Gaunt-Gantt family. There are many records that I did not examine and many paths that I was not able to follow. Perhaps there are parts of this book that will need to be amended when additional records are available. I am sure that there are other descendants of Peter Gaunt who will wish to find more about their own lines. I hope that this book will be just the starting place for their research.

I am grateful that I was able to research this family and compile a record that tells a great deal about three hundred and fifty years of American history.

## DOCUMENTATION

The source of information is enclosed in parentheses. The first number, underlined, is the number of the reference as found in the bibliography in Appendix A. The second number is the page number. Example: (11,259) means *History of Little Egg Harbor,* by Leah Blackman (Trenton NJ, 1963), page 259. If there is a third number in the parentheses, it designates a volume number. Example: (41,2,290) means *History of Cape Cod: The Annals of Barnstable County,* by Frederick Freeman (1858, rpt. Yarmouth MA, 1965), volume 2, page 290. If there is a fourth number, it designates a Series number. Example: (89, S5, 21,80) means *Pennsylvania Archives,* Series 5, volume 21, page 80.

I hope that this method of documentation will enable the reader to find easily the source of information when desired, and that it will not interfere with the ease of reading at other times.

## SPELLING OF THE NAME

I have used the spelling "Gaunt" for the first four generations. At the fifth generation I have used the spelling "Gauntt" for the descendants of Samuel (#8) because they added the "t" at that time and still use that form. At the seventh generation I have used the spelling "Gantt" for all the descendants of Joseph II in Pennsylvania. That is the time they changed the spelling.

## ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations have been used:

| | | | |
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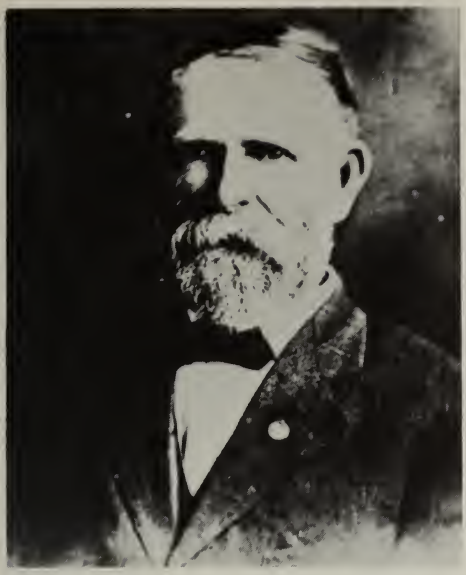
| b | born | m | married |
| br | buried | rpt | reprinted |
| ca | approximately | div | divorced |
| Co | county | twp | township |
| d | died | unm | unmarried |



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FULTON GANTT

THOMPSON FULTON GANTT

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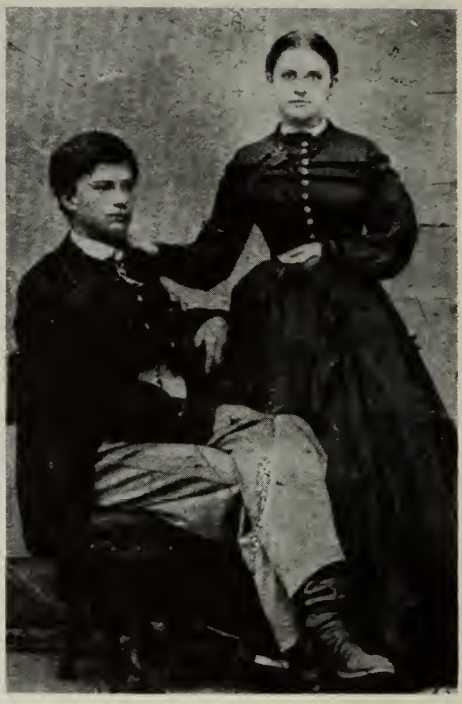

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LENA GANTT CHALFANT

# PETER GAUNT, THE IMMIGRANT

Family legend says that PETER GAUNT, the first one of the family to come to America, was a descendant of skilled craftsmen who originally lived in Ghent, the capitol of Flanders, once a province of the Netherlands. About 1350, an early king of England (probably Edward III) encouraged the Flemings to come to his country because of their superior skills. They were given extraordinary privileges and power to come from Ghent to Lincolnshire, England (11, 285). If this is true, the name probably means "of Ghent."

PETER and his wife, LYDIA, came to America in the 1630's, either from Lincolnshire (189), or from St. Bridget Parish in London County (5, 89). They went first to Scituate, then to Lynn, and finally, in 1637, they settled in Sandwich, Barnstable County, Massachusetts (56, 91.)

To understand PETER GAUNT it is necessary to understand the world in which he lived. England had been torn by religious dissension for many years, and in 1607-1608 a group of Separatists from the Anglican Church went to Holland. In 1620 they came to America in the *Mayflower* and landed at Plymouth Rock. They were the Pilgrims, and they stayed primarily in the area of Plymouth Bay. In 1628 a group of Puritans in England obtained a grant of land on Massachusetts Bay and formed the Massachusetts Bay Company. Between 1628 and 1640 thousands of Puritans came to America and settled in the Massachusetts Bay area. The two colonies advanced side by side, the last named growing more rapidly and becoming less tolerant in religious matters. Both colonies adopted the congregational, or independent, form of government.

Because PETER and LYDIA came to America about 1630, and because they lived first in Scituate and Lynn, both near Boston, they were probably of the Massachusetts Bay Puritans. Sandwich, which is south of Plymouth Bay in Barnstable County, was one of the first areas settled by "men of Saugus [Lynn] in 1637" (102, 2:236.) Many of the Sandwich records are found in the Plymouth records, but the above facts would indicate that PETER and LYDIA were a part of the Puritan rather than the Pilgrim immigration.

The rebellious and strong-willed English immigrants who came to America were not a unified group moving with one spirit

towards one goal. They were varied and can be divided into three general groups. One desired to purify worship and remain in the Anglican church; another wanted a Presbyterian form of church-state government; and another wanted no established church at all. The second group prevailed. Judging from PETER's later actions he belonged to the third group. It is possible that he left both Scituate and Lynn in search of a more congenial community, and he seems to have found it in Sandwich. Several Sandwich family names, such as Butler, Allen, and Wing, are linked with his in court records and later in the Quaker records.

The government of the Massachusetts Bay colonies was theocratic, and the dissenters were subjected to fines and other punishments. The chief spokesman for those Puritans who wanted no established church was Roger Williams. In 1635, he was tried and banished from the colony. He left in January 1636 and spent the winter with Indians. The next spring he started a new settlement which he called Providence, in what is now Rhode Island. Here he founded the first commonwealth in history into whose constitution was incorporated an unequivocal guarantee of religious liberty. This must have had a profound effect on the dissenters in Massachusetts, and some of them followed Williams to Providence, while others started the towns of Portsmouth and Newport. This was the background of dissension, which started at the beginning of the colonial settlements in Massachusetts and continued for a century and a half. It was the "Covenant of Grace" as opposed to the "Covenant of Works."

There are several references to PETER GAUNT in early records (41, & 91). His name is on the list of men who went early to Sandwich; he was one of the eleven male members of the first church of Sandwich; and in 1638 he was fined for not having his swine ringed and for being "deficient in arms" (41,2:16,37,40.) In the same year he was named in the will of THOMAS HAMPTON, who made him, THOMAS TUPPER and RICHARD KIRBY the heirs of his estate (15 & 120).

In 1641 a division of meadows in Sandwich was made and PETER received a division of four acres (41,183). In 1643 he was named as a proprietor (91,183), which gave him full rights of citizenship in the colony. In the same year his name was on the list of men of Sandwich between the ages of 16 and 60 "liable to bear arms" (108,257). In 1646 he was appointed tax collector and constable (107,2:102), both responsible, but not always desirable positions which all dutiful proprietors were expected to fill at times. In 1649 he was mentioned in the will of GEORGE ALLEN, who said, "I give to my son, William, the meadow I bought of Peeter Gaunt, being in the 2nd Devission" (16).

In 1651 there began a series of court cases which show that PETER and others were being persecuted for not attending the authorized church. Presentments were made in court of RALPH ALLEN and wife, GEORGE ALLEN and wife, PETER GAUNT and wife, and others "for not frequenting the public worship of God, contrary to order made June 6 of present year" (41,1:204). In 1654 the same three men were again ordered to appear in court for the same charges and were required to speak to the particulars. "Peter Gaunt affirmed hee knew noe publicke vizable worship now in the world, whereunto Ralph Allen assented, but George Allen decented. The case was left to further consideration" (107,3:74). His statement meant that he acknowledged no necessity for public visible worship. Court records show that others were also being persecuted and that a group of dissenters remained in Sandwich, even though the minister, Rev. WILLIAM LEVERICH, evidently wearied by discontent, left Sandwich with others and went to Oyster Bay, Long Island (74, 247). These events preceded the arrival in America of any missionaries from the Society of Friends and indicate that PETER GAUNT was a man of strong religious convictions. He must have been as determined to follow his own conscience in America as he had been in England.

In the 1650's the Society of Friends in England was growing rapidly under the zeal and guidance of GEORGE FOX. They be-

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James Truslow Adams, Ed. (NY:Scribner, 1943)

lieved that each person had an inner light that led to salvation without the aid of ministry or sacraments. In 1656, two women Friends arrived in Boston. They were fined, imprisoned, and returned to England. Others followed, and all were persecuted and expelled. In 1657 a devout Friend in England donated a ship, the *Woodhouse*, and in it about a dozen missionaries sailed to America to establish the Kingdom of God. They landed at Newport, where they were well received, and they quickly converted most of the inhabitants. This gave them a safe base of operations, so that in spite of the severity of the Puritan authorities, the whole southern part of Massachusetts was honey-combed with converts by the year 1661 (61). On the list of the first eighteen families in Sandwich to become Friends was the name of PETER GAUNT (55,413). The converts were first called QUAKERS in dirision, but later they accepted the name and used it themselves (61).

In 1658 PETER GAUNT, DANIEL WING, RALPH ALLEN and WILLIAM ALLEN, all of Sandwich, were arrested and fined for not taking off their hats in court (107,3:130). The next year PETER was fined five kine, two yearling heifers, one mare, two three-year-old steers, eight bushes of pease, four bushels of Indian corn, and half a bushel of wheat. The value of these possessions came to 43 pounds, 14 shillings and 6 pence. George Bishop, who recorded these events, added that PETER was also fined for not training, even though he was a man of great years, and that he was forced to appear in the court in Plymouth, which was twenty miles from his home (10,126 & 151). Other court records show a continuing persecution of PETER GAUNT and other Quakers until September 1661, when a Royal Decree put a stop to the excesses. During this time many Sandwich Friends fled to Rhode Island and Long Island, and some moved west to the area that became Dartmouth, Massachusetts (74,249). In 1665 the Friends were allowed to hold meetings. There was a brief period of persecution from 1675 to 1577. Otherwise the Quakers were endured but not welcomed into the Puritan society.

Records show that two of PETER's sons moved into the Dartmouth area, but PETER stayed on his land and stubbornly lived according to his religious beliefs. He probably had a well established farm and may have decided that since he had given up one home in England he would not give up another. In 1663 the inventory of the estate of widow JONE SWIFT of Sandwich showed that she was indebted to PETER (107,3:213), and in 1675 his name appeared on a list of those who had a right to the privileges of the town (41,2:68). In 1677 PETER was appointed surveyor of highways for Sandwich (107,5:232).

On 13 May 1678 PETER and LYDIA witnessed the marriage of their son HANNANIAH to DOROTHY BUTLER (214). This is the last record of PETER. He probably died before 1683, when his wife witnessed a Quaker wedding and was the only Gaunt who signed the certificate (75,247). One source says that he died about 1678 (24,119). No record has been found of his death or estate.

LYDIA's will was filed for probate in Barnstable County, Massachusetts on 21 April 1692 (18,76). (Original is in Will Book 1,59).

*First, my mind and will is that my body be decently buried by the advice and assistance of my dear friends, the people of God called quakers, att their burring place in Sandwich.*

*Unto my son, Israel Gaunt, whome I make my Executor ...my great kettle and my great iron pott and two pewter platters and my warming pan and a brass skimmer and a brass candle stick a spitt and dripping pan.*

*Unto my son Zachariah four pounds and his son and daughter I have given already their portions.*

*Unto my son Hannaniah four pounds and to his children each of them ten shillings appeece.*

*Unto my daughter lydia my little brass kettle and all my waring cloathes and all my linning which I have not otherwise disposed of and I give her my hitchell and my great chest with a lock and key to it.*

*I give my granddaughter Mercy Hixe one fether bed and one blankit.*

*To my granddaughter Mary Thirston twenty shillings.*

*To my grandson James Easton ten shillings.*

*To my grandson John Easton ten shillings.*

*To my granddaughter Deborah ten shillings.*

*For yea use of friends called quakers my best fether bed and bolster two pillows and two pillow coats A paire of sheets and a Paire of my blankits and my best rugg.*

*Unto my friends in Sandwich which are of ye women's meeting called quakers in silver forty shillings for them to dispose of for ye service of the truth.*

# CHAPTER I

The inventory of LYDIA's estate was filed on 26 April 1692. There is no record of her maiden name, but she might have been the daughter of THOMAS HAMPTON, who named PETER GAUNT as his heir in 1638.

The children of PETER and LYDIA (____) GAUNT were:[1]

i. LYDIA, b ca. 1638, m ca. 1662 THOMAS BURGESS. He was m (1) to ELIZABETH BASSETT, divorced in 1661, the first divorce in New Plymouth Colony. After he m (2) LYDIA, they moved to Rhode Island and had a family. (107, 3:221). She is mentioned in her mother's will in 1691, and in her brother, ISRAEL's, will in 1697 (14).

ii. MEHITABLE, b ca. 1640, m 4 Nov. 1669 JOHN EASTON, d 11 Nov. 1673 (49,19). JOHN was the son of NICHOLAS EASTON, one of the early dissidents who fled to Rhode Island in 1638 (61,8-22). Both NICHOLAS and JOHN EASTON served as governor of Rhode Island. JOHN was b 1624 and d 1705. They had five children, but JAMES and JOHN are the only ones mentioned in LYDIA's will.

2. iii. ZACHARIAH, b ca. 1642, m HANNAH ____.

3. iv. ISRAEL, b ca. 1644, m 16 June 1660 HANNAH COLEMAN.

4. v. HANNANIAH, b ca. 1646, m 13 May 1678 DOROTHY BUTLER.

[1]MacLean (74) estimated the birth dates and said the children were probably born in Sandwich. One correspondent said that two children, PETER, JR. and LYDIA, were born in England and that PETER, JR. died on the passage over, and that this information came from Bishop (10). The research for this book did not confirm the information.

There may have been other daughters, which would explain the grandchildren in Lydia's will named Thirston and Hixe. Jones (61,221) says "among those who swarmed to Long Island were... Thomas Thirston,..." Perhaps he was Lydia's son-in-law.

# CHAPTER II

## THE SECOND GENERATION

2. ZACHARIAH[2] GAUNT *(Peter[1])* was the son of PETER and LYDIA GAUNT (Family 1). He was probably born about 1642 in Sandwich, Massachusetts.

He probably went to Long Island about 1655 with his two brothers, and from there to New Jersey. He was one of the original purchasers of land in Monmouth County (101,xxix). "A Long Island group received the Nevesinks, or Monmouth Patent on April 8, 1665. In granting them a tract twelve miles wide, Nicolls guaranteed complete liberty of conscience and the right to hold a representative assembly. The freedom-of-religion clause was attractive. Baptists from Rhode Island moved in to found Middleton, and Quakers from Gravesend, Long Island came to settle Shrewsbury." (31,39).

ZACHARIAH did not stay in Monmouth County but "sold his share of land in Monmouth to his brother Annanias, Jan.30, 1668." (101,xxix) His wife, HANNAH, died in Newport on 22 Nov. 1674 (3,7:103).

ZACHARIAH was named in his mother's will in 1692 (18). She also mentioned a son and daughter of ZACHARIAH but did not name them. ZACHARIAH was named in the will of his brother ISRAEL in 1697/8 (14).

A ZACHARIAH GAUNT was named in a will dated 20 July 1736, signed by JOHN HULET of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, New Jersey (83,30:154). In the will he was given a bequest of thirty pounds, and his wife, HANNAH, received a bed and some household items. This seems to be too late a date to refer to the above ZACHARIAH, but it might refer to his son.

3. ISRAEL[2] GAUNT *(Peter[1])*, the son of PETER and LYDIA GAUNT (Family 1), was probably born about 1664 in Sandwich, Massachusetts. The earliest record about him is in 1675/6 and says that he was "Twice defective and did not appear this meeting of the Councell, is to be summoned" (107,5:190). There is no explanation given as to why he was summoned.

In 1677 ISRAEL sold his half share of some property in Dartmouth, Massachusetts to his brother HANNANIAH. For it he received some cash and HANNANIAH's share of some land and livestock in New Eason, New Jersey (165). In 1691 he was named on a list of men to make up a committee (41,2:74). In 1682 he was disowned by the Society of Friends (44,16:7) but must have been reinstated because there are later records of him in the Quaker minutes.

Sometime in the 1680's he went, with his brother HANNANIAH to Long Island and later to New Jersey (121,89). One source says that he settled on a large tract of land near Shrewsbury (11,285). He must not have stayed there long because on 16 June 1690 he married HANNAH COLEMAN of Scituate Massachusetts (3,7:17 & 170). In 1691 he was named executor of the estate of his mother in Sandwich (18). In 1692 he was admitted, with others, as a townsman of Sandwich (41,2:82).

On 17 Feb. 1697/8 ISRAEL of Sandwich made his will and signed it with a mark. It was filed in Barnstable County for probate on 16 March 1697/8 (14). He left all his property to his wife, HANNAH, until her death or remarriage, at which time it was to be divided among the children of his brothers, ZACHARIAH and HANNY, and his sister, LIDIA BURG. There were no children named.

HANNAH, the widow of ISRAEL, died in 1714 and named her brother, THOMAS COLEMAN of Scituate, as her heir (213).

4. HANNANIAH[2] GAUNT (*Peter*[1]), the son of PETER and LYDIA GAUNT, was probably born about 1646 in Sandwich, Barnstable County, Massachusetts. The earliest record about him is a deed dated 5 Feb. 1677, signed by his brother, "Israel Gaunt of Sandwich, Shoomaker, to Annaniah Gaunt, of Dartmouth, New Plymouth, carpenter," in which ISRAEL conveyed his "½ share in Darmouth purchase, bought of Mr. JOHN BRADFORD." In return ISRAEL was to receive HANNANIAH's share of someland, meadow and livestock in New Eason, New Jersey, which had been purchased in 1670. On 4 May 1678 HANNANIAH signed a deed to ISRAEL for the New Jersey property (165). This happened before HANNANIAH was married, and indicates that the brothers must have gone to New Jersey before 1677.

## THE SECOND GENERATION

On 3 3rd month [May] 1678 in Sandwich, HANNANIAH married DOROTHY, the daughter of THOMAS and DOROTHY BUTLER (214). She was born 23 Jan. 1650 (4,53). Witnesses to the marriage included HANNANIAH's parents, PETER and LYDIA; his brother, ISRAEL; the bride's father, THOMAS BUTLER; and two sisters of the bride, PRUDENCE HARPER and PATIENCE GIBBS. THOMAS BUTLER recorded his permission for the marriage. DOROTHY's mother was deceased, having died on 8 Aug. 1675 (20).

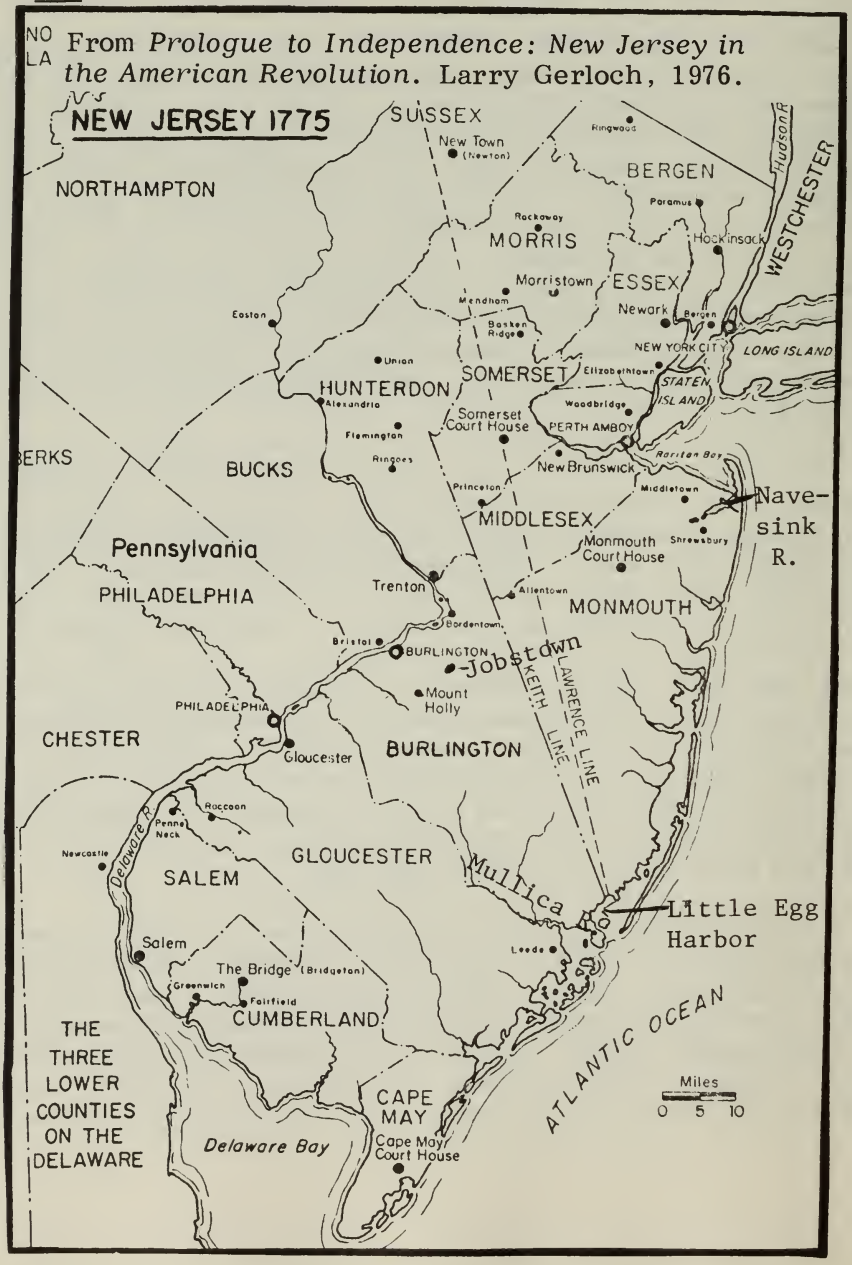
After their marriage, HANNANIAH and DOROTHY probably lived in the Dartmouth area. In 1683 and 1684 they sold three different parcels of land near Dartmouth for more than 150 pounds (74,252). His father, PETER, died about this time, and HANNANIAH and his wife probably left Massachusetts because of the religious persecution. The Dutch, who controlled New York, had become more tolerant of religious dissenters, and Long Island was a haven for Quakers fleeing from the Puritans. After a short stay on Long Island, HANNANIAH and ISRAEL went to New Jersey, where a Quaker colony had been started in Shrewsbury in 1675 (61,359). However, neither of them stayed there. ISRAEL returned to Sandwich, and HANNANIAH went further south (121).

In 1664, just twenty years before HANNANIAH left Massachusetts, New Jersey was granted by Charles II of England to Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret in return for services during the Civil Wars. English and Scottish colonists, mainly Calvinists, had settled in the northern part, attracted by the owners liberal attitude toward religion. Berkeley disposed of his rights to a company of English Quakers, and in order to preserve the peace of the colony, it was split into East and West Jersey in 1676. East Jersey developed communities similar to New England towns. West Jersey, under the influence of the Quakers, developed a plantation life resembling that of Virginia and Maryland. Quakers from England founded the town of Burlington in 1677, and many Quakers settled in the rich agricultural area lying east of the town (61,377).

Such were the conditions when "Hannaniah, after traveling through much of middle Jersey, came to a place called by the Indians *Hanninicon*. There, pleased by the fertile soil, the rich, broad, prairie-like surface and the quiet beauty of the scenery he determined to settle. It was in Springfield Township, Burlington County. Within one mile of Jobstown, in 1685 he took up a tract of 500 acres, which remained in the possession of the fam-

ily for 200 hundred years." (11,185). GEORGE HUTCHINSON of Burlington gave "Hannaniah of Rhode Island, yoeman," a deed for 500 acres in the First Tenth on 11 May 1685 (83,21:407).

There are several court records concerning HANNANIAH which indicate that he served as an arbitor in disputes, as overseer of highways, and on juries (96). There are also other land transactions (83,21). On 4 March 1703 he conveyed 200 acres to his son DANIEL by deed (213). On 3 April 1709 he had a survey made for 200 acres in West Jersey for ZEBULON, his son and heir (213).



"Hannaniah was said to be a tall and powerful man, well educated, plain, sincere and earnest. With a mind capable of penetrating to the truth and right, he was of strong convictions from which nothing but new light could swerve him.The improvements of his plantation, the education of his children, and duty to his neighbors occupied his entire time." (11,185)

His will was signed 17 July 1720, and filed for probate on 17 Nov. 1721 (220). "He, his wife, and two of their children were buried on the farm, and the outlines of their graves are to be seen to this day, with a small enclosure about 100 yards from the southeast angle of Uz Gauntt's dwelling house." (11,285)

HANNANIAH's will does not mention his wife, so she probably preceded him in death. It does name four of his children: DANIEL, ZEBULON, MEHITABLE STAPLES and MARY WEBB. He left ten shillings to DANIEL, saying that DANIEL had received his share of the property. He gave all his land to ZEBULON, and the remainder of his estate was to be equally divided between ZEBULON, MEHITABLE and MARY (220).

The children of HANNANIAH and DOROTHY (BUTLER) GAUNT were:[2]

i. MEHITABLE, b ca. 1685, m THOMAS STAPLES.

5. ii. DANIEL, b 1 Sept. 1688, m HANNAH SHOURDS.

iii. MARY, b ca 1690 m 1 Apr. 1713 ROBERT WEBB (52,2:224).

6.iv. ZEBULON, b 31 July 1694, m SOPHIA SHOURDS.

v. DOROTHY, b ca. 1696, m EDWARD WEAVER (11,286).

[1]McLean (74) says in footnotes 30, 31, and 32 that this information came from Bristol County Deeds, 1:36, 411 & 413.

[2]In addition to the five children listed here, many sources list Hannaniah II. Research for this book indicates that Hannaniah II was the son of Daniel, #5 above. For examination of the evidence, see Family #5.

Map of southern New Jersey showing township lines.

# CHAPTER III

## THE THIRD GENERATION

5. DANIEL[3] GAUNT *(Hannaniah[2], Peter[1])* was the son of HANNANIAH and DOROTHY (BUTLER) GAUNT (Family 4). He was born 1 Sept. 1688 in Burlington, New Jersey (9,39).

On 4 March 1702 DANIEL received 200 acres of land from his father, HANNANIAH I (213). On 4 Jan. 1705/6 DANIEL was granted permission to marry by the Burlington Monthly Meeting (52,2:224. On 29 Jan. 1706 he was granted permission to marry HANNAH SHOURDS by the Philadelphia Monthly Meeting (215). On 4 Sept. 1707 HANNAH GAUNT, wife of DANIEL, died (52,2: 366). On 25 July 1713 DANIEL GAUNT was granted a certificate to Germantown Monthly Meeting to marry (52,2:530).

Except for the above records, we know little about DANIEL. One source (6,107-8) says that Little Egg Harbor "was settled about the year 1699 by Edward Andrews, Mordecai Andrews, Jacob Andrews and Daniel Gaunt of Long Island....About 1704 a number of settlers moved in, Shourds, Parker, Rose, Lippincott, Ong, Ridgeway, Falkenburg, Mott, Carr, Mathis, Osborn and Willits." Since Daniel was eleven years of age in 1699, and since he inherited land in Little Egg Harbor from his father in 1703, it is more probable that he was in the second group of settlers.

"Daniel, says the family record, went to the Western country and Hannaniah to Little Egg Harbor," (22,286). This same source says in another place "Daniel Gauntt's first wife's name was Hannah, and tradition said that they were the parents of Hannaniah Gauntt, who settled in Egg Harbor; but recent inspection of the ancient and authentic records establishes the fact that he was the son of the first Hananiah, who settled in Springfield in 1685." (11,290)

The contradictions about the parentage of HANNANIAH II seem to be resolved [for the time being] by the will of CORNELIUS SHOURDS in Philadelphia County Wills, dated 4 Sept. 1736

and probated 20 April 1738 (152). In it he names his grandson, HANNANIAH GAUNT, the son of his deceased daughter, HANNAH. This record, in addition to the fact that HANNANIAH I did not mention HANNANIAH II in his will and that HANNANIAH I was 61 years older than HANNANIAH II, make it likely that, based on currently known evidence, DANIEL was the son of HANNANIAH I and the father of HANNANIAH II.

Research for this book did not reveal any additional records about DANIEL after he received permission to marry for the second time in 1713. He must have been alive in 1720 when he was mentioned in his father's will as having had his share of the inheritance (220).

The only child of DANIEL and HANNAH (SHOURDS) GAUNT was (152):

7. i. HANNANIAH II, b 2 Jan. 1707, m ANNE RIDGEWAY.

6. ZEBULON[3] GAUNT (*Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of HANNANIAH and DOROTHY (BUTLER) GAUNT (Family 4.) He was born 31 July 1694 (221), probably on his father's farm in Springfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. He married 18 April 1715 SOPHIA SHOURDS (or SIEORTS), the daughter of CORNELIUS and SOPHIA (WEIMER) SHOURDS of Germantown, Pennsylvania (52,2:224 &(167).

On 26 Sept. 1707 ZEBULON was granted an ear mark for his hogs (112,2:32). On 3 April 1709 his father, HANNANIAH, had 208 acres of land in Monmouth County surveyed for ZEBULON, his son and heir (213). In 1745 ZEBULON and his son, SAMUEL, bought land from JOSHUA SHREVE for the Upper Springfield Meeting House (11,287). About 1753 two of his sons and one daughter moved to the Carolinas. Family tradition says that they agreed to add a "t" to their family name to identify their father's descendants (11,287). ZEBULON inherited his father's farm and lived on it all of his life.

ZEBULON died 31 March 1772 (221). His will is dated 24 Sept. 1771, and was probated 17 April 1772 (83,24:200). In it he gives his son, SAMUEL, 5 shillings; his wife, SOPHIA, and his daughter, MARY GAMBLE, the plantation where he lives; and his daughter, MARY GAMBLE, all of his other property and land (83,34:201).

The children of ZEBULON and SOPHIA (SHOURDS) GAUNT were (170):

8. i. SAMUEL, b 11 Mar. 1718, m (1) SARAH BLACK, (2) HANNAH WOOLMAN.

9. ii. ZEBULON, Jr., m ESTHER WOOLMAN, went to Carolina (172).

10. iii. ISRAEL, m HANNAH COATS, went to Carolina.

iv. MARY, m JACOB GAMBLE of Bordentown.

v. SOPHIA, m 11 Nov. 1743 DANIEL MATHIS, son of JOHN and ALICE (ANDREWS) MATHIS. She was a great beauty, and he was a sea captain. They moved to the Carolinas about 1753, where they have numerous descendants (52, 2:224 & 11,294).

vi. HANNAH, m 15 July 1736 ROBERT RIDGEWAY, son of THOMAS and ANN (PHARO) RIDGEWAY.

## THE FOURTH GENERATION

7. HANNANIAH[4] GAUNT II (*Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of DANIEL and HANNAH (SHOURDS) GAUNT (Family 5). He was born 2 Jan. 1707 (11,290), probably in Germantown, Pennsylvania. His mother died soon after his birth (52, 2:366). The earliest record about him is recorded in the Burlington Monthly Meeting on 13 Sept. 1729 when he was granted a certificate to transfer his membership to Little Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting (52,2:224).

Little Egg Harbor was a growing community at this time. It was first settled by farmers and hunters who were attracted by the abundance of game and water fowl that lived on the coast. EDWARD ANDREWS was the first large landowner, and he was converted to Quakerism about 1698 (61,388). He helped build the Society in the area. Other farmers came in, many of them Quakers from Long Island. The salt marshes furnished pasture and hay for the livestock in upper Burlington County. There was also a brisk shipping business, with lumber going to the West Indes and produce coming back. JOHN MATHIS owned the first ship about 1724, and his son, DANIEL, followed the trade. It was a busy harbor for many years. HANNANIAH settled on what had formerly been EDWARD ANDREWS' farm. It included the present site of Tuckerton (11).

On 10 July 1730 at the Springfield Monthly Meeting, HANNANIAH II married ANN RIDGEWAY, the daughter of THOMAS R., Sr. and ANN (PHARO) RIDGEWAY. She was born 8 Oct. 1810 (170). On 1 Jan. 1732/3 HANNANIAH procured a certificate from the Little Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting, which recommended that his wife be the minister to the Chesterfield Monthly Meeting (11,287). In 1736 HANNANIAH and others were named to accept, as trustees, a deed from JOSEPH BORDEN for land bought for a meeting house and burying ground (165). On 20 April 1738 the will of CORNELIUS SHOURDS was filed in Philadelphia, and among his heirs he listed HANNANIAH, the son of his daughter, HANNAH GAUNT, deceased (152).

"Hannaniah was a tailor by trade, but devoted most of his time to his farm, making now and then a garment for those who called on him for that purpose. By his associates he was called a 'comical genius', his fun-loving disposition making him a pleasant companion for those who like a little spicy but innocent mirth. His customers or his visitors were not allowed to get

the 'blues' while they were in his cheerful company. It is said that when Hannaniah and Ann laid a proposal of marriage before the Meeting,the members of the Society were greatly astonished that Ann Ridgeway, the staid minister, should choose for a husband such a jovial man as Hannaniah Gaunt. As his jollity was of an innocent and moral kind, he was approved of as a candidate for matrimony and was greatly respected by the Friends of his time. Long after Hannaniah had been laid beneath the green turf of the Friends graveyard in Tuckerton, people who had known him related to others and laughed over the funny sayings and doings of the husband of Ann Gaunt, the distinguished Quaker minister." (11,291)

"Hannaniah was a man of considerable wealth and one of the most influential men of the place of his adoption. His house was a home for many of the Friends who came on religious visits, and having a large circle of kindred and other acquaintances, he, in consequence, had to entertain a great deal of company from Burlington and other sections." (11,291)

"Ann Ridgeway Gaunt was the daughter of Thomas Ridgeway, Sr., and the granddaughter of James Pharo, who came to America in the ship *Shield*. Ann was Little Egg Harbor's most distinguished female minister. She commenced her career during her girlhood, and went on tours before her marriage, riding on horseback through the wilderness of America. In 1728 before her marriage she went to Long Island, and in 1756 to Salem, and other places within the limits of the Yearly Meeting. In 1765 she visited Pennsylvania. In 1772 she went to Long Island, in 1773 to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and in 1776 she and her niece, Ann Willits, visited Salem, Woodbury, and Haddonfield. This appears to be her last preaching tour. She lived to a good old age, and I have been told that after she became old and weak she would ride to the meeting house, kneel, and support herself on a bench, and in that position preach for an hour or more, with an earnestness and power seldom equalled. A favorite text of hers, and one from which she often preached, was 'Line upon line, precept on precept, here a little and there a little.' She was a minister about sixty years." (11,291)

"Besides being a minister, Ann was also one of the old-time doctors, and is said to have been exceedingly industrious. She was a great knitter, and would rise from her bed at three o'clock in the morning and commence to knit one of those long stockings that men of that time wore with breeches, and that by night the stocking would be completed." (11,292)

In 1763 HANNANIAH witnessed a will for MORDECAI ANDREWS (83,33:17). In 1773 he and his two sons were listed in the Little Egg Harbor ratables (85,24 & 114).

HANNANIAH died 6 Dec. 1792 (83,37:146. "From an old person, now many years dead, I received the following account of the death of Hannaniah Gaunt. He died about the close of the Revolutionary War. It was an unusually cold season. The Mulica River was frozen over all winter, and so thick with ice that people crossed with sleds and horses without danger. Hannaniah arose on one of the intense cold mornings of that winter, went to the barnyard to attend to his stock, after which he started to return to the house, but fell dead before he reached it." (11,291)

His will was filed for probate in 1792 (58,1:130). He left all his property to his wife, ANN. At her death it was to be equally divided between his two sons, JOHN and JOSEPH. JOHN was to have all the land below Main Street of Tuckerton, and JOSEPH was to have all that above Main Street (83,37:146). ANN died 2 June 1794 (172). "In the list of names of the dead in Friends graveyard at Tuckerton are Hannaniah Gaunt and Ann, his wife." (11,206)

The children of HANNANIAH II and ANN (RIDGEWAY) GAUNT were:

11. i. JOHN, b 21 May 1734, m JEAN SATTERTHWAITE.

12. ii. JOSEPH, b 31 July 1740, m ELIZABETH BORTON.

iii. ANN, m 1786 AMOS FORSYTHE of upper Burlington County (121,340).

iv. ELIZABETH, m 1786 WILLIAM PEARSALL of Long Island (121,340).

[1]The ANN and ELIZABETH above may be the daughters of JOHN (#11), rather than his sisters. See page 26 for the same names.

8. SAMUEL[4] GAUNT *(Zebulon[3], Hannaniah[2], Peter[1])* was the son of ZEBULON and SOPHIA (SHOURDS)GAUNT (FAMILY 6). He was born 11 March 1718 (221) in Springfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, on the farm his father had inherited from HANNANIAH GAUNT I.

On 4 May 1744 SAMUEL was granted a certificate from the Burlington Monthly Meeting to Perquimans Monthly Meeting, North Carolina (52.1:50). He must have returned soon because on the 4th of the 9th month, 1745 he was granted a certificate to the Chesterfield Monthly Meeting to marry (52.2:224). His bride was SARAH BLACK, daughter of JOHN and SARAH (ROCKHILL) BLACK (11,287). On 1 Oct. 1746 SARAH GAUNT was granted a certificate of removal from the Burlington to the Chesterfield Monthly Meeting, with the comment, "Sarah Gaunt, who was married among us, but now removed."(123)

On 6 Sept. 1749 SAMUEL married (2) HANNAH WOOLMAN, daughter of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH (BURR) WOOLMAN (26). She was born 9th day of the 4th month, 1726. SAMUEL WOOLman was the son of JOHN WOOLMAN and the grandson of WILLIAM WOOLMAN of England (170). On 7 Aug. 1750 SAMUEL WOOLMAN died, and in his will he named his daughter, HANNAH GAUNT (83, 2:546).

On 7 Oct. 1754 SAMUEL was granted a certificate by the Burlington Monthly Meeting to the New Garden Monthly Meeting in North Carolina (52,2:224). This was about the time that his two brothers and one sister went there. He must have returned to New Jersey, because records show that he had a daughter in 1763, a son in 1766, and a son in 1771 (86,2). He also inherited his father's farm in 1771 (83,24:200).

SAMUEL died 26 Nov. 1787 (221). His will was dated 6 Sept. 1787. It names his wife, HANNAH: his sons, UZ, ELIHU, ASHER, PETER and REUBEN: and his daughters, SERAPTA, HANNAH CRASHER, SARAH SHIN and ELIZABETH SHREVE (83,36:87).

HANNAH, his widow, died in 1794, and her will was dated 13 Dec. 1794 (58,1:130). It names her sons, UZ, ASHER, PETER, REUBEN and ELIHU; her daughters-in-law, HANNAH CRONSHAW and SARAH SHINN, and her two daughters, ELIZABETH SHREVE and SEREPTA BARTON (83,37:146).

The children of SAMUEL and his first wife, SARAH (BLACK) GAUNT were:

i. HANNAH, b ca. 1746, m 7 June 1773 GEORGE CRASHAW. (52,2:224)

ii. SARAH, b ca. 1747, m 1 May 1769 ASA SHINN, son of SOLOMON and MARY (ANTRIM) SHINN (167).

The children of SAMUEL and his second wife, HANNAH (WOOLMAN) GAUNT were (11,287):

iii. JUDAH, b ca. 1750, d at two years of age.

13. iv. UZ, b 21 Feb. 1753, m SARAH JONES .

14. v. ASHER, b ca. 1755, m MARY STOCKTON.

vi. REUBEN, b ca. 1760, m HANNAH PLATTE (11,287); was named co-executor of his brother, ELIHU's, estate on 24 Nov. 1796 (83,38:138); his will is dated 1 April 1829 and states that he is of Upper Freehold, Monmouth County NJ. He leaves all his property to his wife, HANNAH, until her death or remarriage, when it will go to his brother PETER. There are no children named (230).

vii. ELIHU, b ca. 1766, was in the militia in 1793 (85,25). His will is dated 24 Nov. 1796 and names his brothers, REUBEN and PETER, as executors (83,38:138).

viii. PETER, b ca. 1771 (86,2), was bondsman for his brother ASHER's estate in 1797, was living in 1829 when his brother REUBEN died (83,38:138).

ix. SEREPTA, m ISAAC BARTON.

x. ELIZABETH, m JOB SHREVE.

9. ZEBULON[4] GAUNT (*Zebulon*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of ZEBULON and SOPHIA (SHOURDS) GAUNT (Family 6). He was born about 1720 on his father's farm in Springfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey.

On 16 Nov. 1750 in Christ's Church, Philadelphia, he mar-

ried (1) ESTHER WOOLMAN (89, Series 2,8:107), who was born 20 April 1730. She was the daughter of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH (BURR) WOOLMAN, and the sister of HANNAH, who married ZEBULON's brother, SAMUEL (170). On 2 March 1752 ZEBULON, Jr. and his wife, ESTHER, were condemned for marrying contrary to discipline (52,2:224). They acknowledged their error and were accepted back into the Society of Friends (167).

On 3 Sept. 1753 ZEBULON and his wife, ESTHER, were granted a certificate from the Burlington Monthly Meeting, and on 5 June 1754 they were received into Cane Creek Monthly Meeting in Orange (now Alamance) County, North Carolina (165). On 24 July 1760 ZEBULON, his wife and children were granted a certificate from New Garden Monthly Meeting, Guilford County, North Carolina to Wateree, South Carolina (52,1:541).

From 1725 to 1775 there was a very large and influential migration of Friends from the northern colonies to the southern colonies. It is difficult to discover the reason for this extensive shifting of the population in a country not excessively settled, but it was probably due to economic reasons. It was this migration of solid Quaker families, building a chain of flourishing meetings across Maryland and Virginia and down into the Carolinas,that began a new epoch for Quakerism in these colonies and prepared the way for the powerful migration of Quakers to the west in the next century (61,295). The Cane Creek Monthly Meeting was formed in 1751 and the New Garden Monthly Meeting in 1754 (61,308).

In 1778 ZEBULON wrote to his brother SAMUEL in New Jersey and said that his two eldest sons, NEB and ZIMRY, had gone "atrading with a load of indigo to mariland or pensylvania. Their eldest sister, Beulah, went with them as far as New Garden, and we have not heard from them for near three months." (222d).

In 1779 he wrote that it was "trublesom times. The Captain came and tuck my two eldest sons, Nebo and Zimry, and kept them traveling for nere 300 miles until their foot were very much blistered and oblidged to walk in that condison for sum days so that they suffered...Then Colonal Carshaw interseded with the presedent and they being both millrights he got them discharged in order to repare and attend them...so that the offissers are asending of summonses for myself and son, Sam. So except sum other power comes to rule shortly we nede not expect nothing else but to be taken." (222e)

ESTHER died before 1780, for on 2 Nov. 1780 at the Bush

River, South Carolina Monthly Meeting, "Zebulon, late of Camden District, married Mary Kelly." (52,1:1030) On 9 May 1782 MARY GAUNT, wife of ZEBULON, formerly wife of JOHN KELLY, died, aged 47 years (52,1:1019). On 28 Oct. 1786 ZEBULON was disowned for marrying out of unity by the same Monthly Meeting (52,1:1030).

ZEBULON died before 1802 according to a Quaker record about his son which says, "Nebo, son of Zebulon, deceased." (52,1:1030) On 24 April 1804 URIAH WOOLMAN's will was probated in New Jersey and in it he left one hundred pounds to the children of his deceased sister, ESTHER GAUNT, and named them as NEBO, SAMUEL and MARIS (83,39:518).

The children of ZEBULON and ESTHER (WOOLMAN) GAUNT were (52,1:1030):

i. SAMUEL, m 30 April 1785 ABIGAIL KELLY.

ii. MARIS, m 2 Dec. 1784 THOMAS JENKINS.

iii. NEBO, b ca. 1755, m (1) 4 March 1790 ELIZABETH BROOKE, (2) 29 April 1802 JUDITH WRIGHT, moved to Ohio 1805.

iv. ZIMRI, m 3 Nov. 1785 SARAH COOK.

v. SARAH, m 26 July 1794 HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH.

10. ISRAEL[4] GAUNT (*Zebulon*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of ZEBULON and SOPHIA (SHOURDS) GAUNT (Family 6.) He was born about 1730 to 1740 on his father's farm in Springfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. He married HANNAH COATS (32).

On 3 Sept. 1753 he was granted a certificate by the Burlington Monthly Meeting to New Garden Monthly Meeting in North Carolina (52,2:224). On 5 Jan. 1754 he was accepted by the the Cane Creek Monthly Meeting in Orange (now Alamance) County, North Carolina (52,1:390). On 29 July 1758 he was disowned by the New Garden Monthly Meeting in Guilford County, North Carolina for marrying out of unity (52,1:541).

There is a story about an attempt to rob ISRAEL. He was reputed to be in possession of money, and a robber entered his house and pointed a gun at him and his wife. HANNAH,

their daughter "threw up his weapon, and being of masculine strength, grappled with and threw him to the floor where she held him till he was disabled by her father's blows. Gantt was wounded by a shot from the robber's companions, another shot grazed his heroic daughter just above the eye, but both escaped without further injury." (88,460).

In 1771 ISRAEL wrote to his brother SAMUEL in new Jersey that he was living in Craven County, South Carolina, and that his brother ZEBULON lived seventy miles away (222b).

ISRAEL did Patriotic Service during the Revolutionary War, and he died before 1800 (32).

The children of ISRAEL and HANNAH (COATS) GAUNT were:

i. JAMES.

ii. JOSEPH.

iii. JACOB.

iv. HANNAH.

v. JOHN.

# CHAPTER V

## THE FIFTH GENERATION

11.JOHN[5] GAUNT *(Hannaniah[4], Daniel[3], Hannaniah[2], Peter[1])* was the son of HANNANIAH and ANN (RIDGEWAY) GAUNT (Family 7). He was born 21 July 1734 in Little Egg Harbor, Burlington County, New Jersey (11,292). On 24 Nov. 1756 he married JEAN SATTERTHWAITE, the daughter of SAMUEL and JEAN SATTERTHWAITE (83,22:658). She was born 20 Jan. 1734/5, probably in Chesterfield Township (126).

When his father, HANNANIAH II, died, JOHN inherited one half of his father's estate. It included the homestead farm and the land and buildings below Main St. of the village now known as Tuckerton. He was a "prominent man ..... a strict Friend, and was a man of unblemished reputation" (11, 292). On 29 Sept. 1768 JOHN witnessed the will of SAMUEL SHOURDS of Little Egg Harbor (83,33:385). At the time of the Revolutionary War, he was the head of a family in Little Egg Harbor (11,220).

"About the close of the Revolutionary War, Ebenezer Tucker purchased Joseph's farm and later John Gaunt's". (11,333) Quaker records show that JOHN, JEAN, and their children – SAMUEL, ELIZABETH, MARY, PHOEBE, DANIEL and JOHN – were granted a certificate to Haddenfield in 1782 (214). Another record says that they were received at Haddenfield Monthly Meeting by certificate on 10 April 1786. This record names SAMUEL, ELIZABETH, PHOEBE, and DANIEL. (214) MARY was granted a certificate to Haddenfield on 10 Dec. 1788 (214). PHOEBE must not have gone to Haddenfield because in 1804 the Burlington Monthly Meeting granted her a certificate to Mt. Holly Monthly Meeting (52,2:224). JOHN, the youngest child, died before the family moved to Haddenfield (126).

JEAN died 28 Aug. 1798, and JOHN died 17 Oct. 1809 (170). His will was dated 24 Sept. 1809 (83,40:137). It named his son SAMUEL as heir to his estate after other bequests were made. It gave money to his son, DANIEL; his daughters. PHOEBE GAUNT, ELIZABETH PEARCEALL and JANE THACKREY; and his grandchildren, ANN FORSYTHE, JOHN COLYER, and JOHN GAUNT (172).

The children of JOHN and JEAN (SATTERTHWAITE) GAUNT, all born in Little Egg Harbor, were (125,13):

i. ANN, b 9 Jan. 1758, granted certificate to Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting 14 Mar. 1793 (214). m June 1793 JOSEPH FORSYTHE, son of MATTHEW and MERCY (SMITH) FORSYTHE (170).

ii. JANE, b 3 Sept. 1760, m 19 Feb. 1784 JAMES THACKREY, son of STEPHEN and ELIZABETH (SLOAN) THACKREY (170).

iii. HANNAH, b 24 Feb. 1763, went to Haddenfield in 1787 (214).

15. iv. SAMUEL, b 22 July 1765, m 12 Mar. 1794 ACHSAH TAYLOR.

v. ELIZABETH, b 21 Jan. 1767, m 16 Nov. 1786 WILLIAM PEARSALL, son of ROWLAND PEARSALL of Oyster Bay, Long Island NY (170).

vi. MARY, b 2 May 1769, received certificate to Haddenfield 1788 (170).

vii. PHOEBE, b 8 Sept. 1771, granted certificate to Mt. Holly 1804, and certificate to Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting 1805 (52,2:224).

16. viii. DANIEL, b 6 Sept. 1776, m 18 Mar. 1802 MARY GITHENS.

ix. JOHN, b 11 Aug. 1780, died young.

12. JOSEPH[5] GAUNT I (*Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of HANNANIAH and ANN (RIDGEWAY) GAUNT (Family 7). He was born 31 July 1740 in Little Egg Harbor, Burlington County, New Jersey. On 2 Feb. 1762 at the Evesham Monthly Meeting, he married ELIZABETH BORTON, the daughter of JOHN and ELIZABETH (LORD) BORTON, and the granddaughter of JOHN and ELIZABETH (___) BORTON. She was born 1 Jan. 1740 (170 & 124).

On 29 Sept. 1768 JOSEPH witnessed the will of SAMUEL SHOURDS of Little Egg Harbor (83,33:385). On 1 May 1776 he witnessed the will of DANIEL SHOURDS of Little Egg Harbor (83,34:385). At the time of the Revolutionary War he was listed as the head of a family in Little Egg Harbor (11,220), and

a Revolutionary War Index lists a JOSEPH GANT as being in the Burlington County Militia in 1776 (161). During the time that JOSEPH and his brother, JOHN, lived in Little Egg Harbor, they were the most prominent men of the town (11,293).

Upon his father's death in 1792, JOSEPH inherited half of the estate, the land being that lying above Main Street in the small village now known as Tuckerton. He built and lived in the mansion afterwards owned and occupied by EBENEZER TUCKER (11,293). "About the close of the Revolutionary War, Ebenezer Tucker purchased Joseph Gauntt's farm, and later John Gaunt's." (11,333)

One source says that a certificate of removal to Warrington, York County, Pennsylvania was given to JOSEPH, ELIZABETH and their children: JOSEPH, ANN, ABRAHAM, SARAH, and ELIZABETH, all in their minority, on 11 Jan. 1787 (170). Another source says the same thing, except that it omits the name of JOSEPH, the father (214). The Pennsylvania branch of the family has a brief history which says, "Joseph I, his son Joseph II, and another son went to what is now Perry County, and took up land along Middle Ridge and built a log cabin. The father returned to New Jersey, but Joseph II remained on Middle Ridge and died there." (190) Blackman says that JOSEPH's name is on the list of the dead in the Friends graveyard in Tuckerton (11,206). A Gauntt correspondent in New Jersey wrote that JOSEPH died 30 Dec. 1806, and is buried in Marlton (Evesham Twp.) Baptist Church Cemetery (209).

The children of JOSEPH and ELIZABETH (BORTON) GAUNT, all born in Little Egg Harbor, were (214):

17. i. HANNANIAH, b 22 Dec. 1762, m REBECCA MULLINER.

18. ii. JACOB, b 11 Jan. 1765, m HANNAH HOLMES.

iii. JOHN, b 28 Apr. 1767, granted certificate to Evesham Monthly Meeting 8 Apr. 1785 (170).

19. iv. JOSEPH, b 12 Dec. 1769, m MARY LOBAUGH.

v. ELIZABETH, b 16 Jan. 1773, m AMOS EVANS (189).

vi. ANN, b 30 Dec. 1775.

vii. ABRAHAM, b 3 Nov. 1778, m 6 Dec. 1793 ____ FORSYTHE.

viii. SARAH, m 17 Sept. 1799 REUBEN LEWELLYN, lived in NJ (189).

13. UZ[5] GAUNTT (*Samuel*[4], *Zebulon*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of SAMUEL and HANNAH (WOOLMAN) GAUNTT. (Family 8). He was born 21 Feb. 1753 on his father's farm in Springfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey (172).

On 15 Dec. 1790 he married SARAH JONES, the daughter of BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH (CARTER) JONES (172). She was born 7 Dec. 1761, and died 16 May 1817. UZ was a farmer and a surveyor. His home was Haninicon, a beautiful house built near the original farmhouse, and named the Indian name for the area. He had several pecularities. One was that he always ate alone. Another was that he never wore any dyed clothing, always black and white wool mixed. He had buttons on his clothes of solid silver with his initials upon each button (11,288).[1] In 1797 he was the administrator of his brother PETER's estate (83,38:138).

UZ died 9 Feb. 1839 at the age of eighty-eight years (113). He named his sons, SAMUEL and ELISHA, as administrators of his estate (162).

The children of UZ and SARAH (JONES) GAUNT were (172):

i. SAMUEL, b 27 Oct. 1791, m HANNAH ATKINSON, daughter of ADEN ATKINSON of Lower Springfield, d 1863. Their children: ADEN, SARAH, JOB, MERCY, ISRAEL, JOHN, RIDGEWAY & WALTER (11.289).

20. ii. BENJAMIN, b 18 June 1793, m SUSAN STOKES.

iii. ISRAEL, b 16 Aug. 1795, moved to Shrewsbury NJ, d 1827, unmarried. (163)

iv. LEWIS, b 16 Aug. 1797, d 15 Aug. 1805.

v. HANNAH, b 9 May 1799, m ASA SHINN of Springfield, her cousin, and the son of ASA & SARAH (GAUNT) SHINN. D 1834, had two children who d young (11,289).

21. vi. ELISHA, b 6 July 1800, m DRUSILLA NORCROSS.

[1]Some of the buttons are in the possession of Caroline Gaunt Armstrong of Jobstown NJ.

vii. JEFFERSON, b 12 Mar. 1805, m MARY HARRISON, daughter of JOSEPH HARRISON of England, d 31 May 1864. Their children: THEODORE, EDWARD, JOSEPHINE, WILLIAM, LEWIS, FREDERICK, ELLA, E. PLURIBUS and UNIA. "Jefferson was an eminent artist in New York, and was at one time asked to go to England to paint the Queen. He declined." (11, 289) He painted a large portrait of UZ, which is still in the family. (At the time this is written, it is in the possession of Mrs. Edwin Armor Gauntt.)

14. ASHER[5] GAUNT (*Samuel*[4], *Zebulon*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of SAMUEL and HANNAH (WOOLMAN) GAUNT (Family 8). He was born about 1755 on his father's farm in Springfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. On 26 June 1787, he married MARY STOCKTON, the daughter of DAVID and ELIZABETH (IRETON) STOCKTON (26,92).

In 1793 ASHER requested exemption from military service (85,41). His will was dated 1796 and filed for probate in 1797 in Burlington County, New Jersey (83,1:130). His brother UZ was the administrator of his estate, and his brother PETER, was a bondsman (83,38:138). On 12 Feb. 1799 JOB STOCKTON was named guardian of ASHER's three minor children (163).

The children of ASHER and MARY (STOCKTON) GAUNT were (11,288):

i. SAMUEL W., b 5 Aug. 1791, was a medical doctor in Grovesville NJ, d there 22 Dec. 1822, br in Friends Burial Grounds at Crosswicks NJ (213).

ii. CHARLES, b 26 Nov. 1793, m 7 July 1821 LOUISA BAKER, daughter of GEORGE A BAKER of Philadelphia. He went in the Navy in 1811 when war with Great Britain was near, became a captain. After the war, lived in Philadelphia. His two sons were (213):
    a. CHARLES STOCKTON, b 23 Aug. 1823.
    b. IRETON, b 22 Oct. 1834.

iii. ELIHU, b 5 June 1895 (213).

MARY (STOCKTON) GAUNT, ASHER's widow, married (2) SAMUEL GARRIGUES of Philadelphia and died 6 Oct. 1817 (213).

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15. SAMUEL[6] GAUNT *(John[5], Hannaniah[4], Daniel[3], Hannaniah[2], Peter[1])* was the son of JOHN and JEAN (SATTERTHWAITE) GAUNT (Family 11). He was born 22 July 1765 in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. On 12 March 1794 in Mansfield, he married ACHSAH (TAYLOR) DECOW, the daughter of JOHN and SARAH (GUTSHALL) TAYLOR, and the widow of JOSEPH DECOW. They lived the remainder of their lives in Pilesgrove Township, Salem County, New Jersey (170 & 126,29).

SAMUEL's will is dated 25 Dec. 1813. In it he names his wife, ACHSAH; his son, JOHN, who is nineteen years old and is to inherit the home farm at the age of twenty-one; his other sons, SAMUEL, STACY and NATHAN; and his daughter, ACHSAH (83,42:173).

The children of SAMUEL and ACHSAH (TAYLOR DECOW) GAUNT were:

i. JOHN, b 19 Dec. 1794 (126,29), m 27 Nov. 1816 ELIZABETH KIRBY, daughter of AMOS and ANN KIRBY. Their children: JOHN, ELIZABETH, ACHSAH, SAMUEL and STACY (26,220 & 187).

ii. SAMUEL, b 25 Jan. 1797 (126,29), m (1) 16 Mar.1815 HANNAH AUSTIN (26,92), (2) 14 Jan. 1817 HANNAH LONGSTRETH (26,92), (3) 22 Jan. 1832 ANN HORNER (187).

iii. STACY, b 1799, m 25 Nov. 1829 RUTH TOWNSEND, daughter of MARK and ELIZABETH TOWNSEND (142,19 & 52,2:866).

iv. ACHSAH, b ca. 1801, m 6 Dec. 1826 WILLIAM BRANIN of New York, son of JOHN and RACHEL BRANIN (26,29).

v. NATHAN, m 24 Feb. 1824, contrary to discipline (123,40).

16. DANIEL[6] GAUNT (*John*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JOHN and JEAN (SATTERTHWAITE) GAUNT (Family 11). He was born 6 Sept. 1776 in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey (126,82).

On 4 April 1796 he was granted a certificate to the Chesterfield Monthly Meeting (52,2:224). In 1793 DANIEL GAUNT of Northampton Township requested an exemption from military service (85,32).

On 18 March 1802 DANIEL of Mansfield Township, blacksmith, married MARY GITHENS of Haddonfield, the daughter of THOMAS and MARY (DELAPLAIN) GITHENS . On the back of the page where this is recorded is written "Thomas Githens of Burlington, license 2 April 1768, to Mary Delaplain."(170,16).

DANIEL died 3 Dec. 1809 (125). His will was filed in Burlington County on 12 Jan. 1810 (83,41:146). In 1812 his widow, MARY GAUNT, was named guardian of their three minor children (163 & 164). The 1850 census shows her living in Camden County, Haddonfield Township, aged seventy-two years (p 155). Living with her is PHOEBE GITHENS, aged sixty nine years, probably her sister.

The children of DANIEL and MARY (GITHENS) GAUNT were (125):

i. DELLAPLAIN, b 23 July 1803, moved to New York. The 1830 census shows him in Kings County, Brooklyn Twp., with wife and one child (p 361). The 1840 census shows him in Orange County, Cornwall Twp. with wife and five children (p 139). The 1850 census shows him in Orange County, Blooming Grove Twp., a carriage maker, with four children (p 334).

ii. JANE, b 16 July 1805.

iii. ANN, b 16 Apr. 1807.

iv. DANIEL, b 18 Aug. 1809, probably died young because he is not named in the guardianship proceedings described above.

17. HANNANIAH[6] GAUNT III (*Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JOSEPH and ELIZABETH (BORTON) GAUNT (Family 12). He was born 22 Dec. 1762 in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey (214).

About 1784 he married REBECCA MULLINER, daughter of MOSES and MARY (HOLDEN) MULLINER (170). On 10 Feb. 1785 he was disowned by the Society of Friends for marrying contrary to discipline (214). He probably spent most of his life in Little Egg Harbor, and is listed in a military census in 1793 (85,35). He "perished at Gaunt's Point, at the mouth of Tuckerton Creek." (11,293)

The children of HANNANIAH III and REBECCA (MULLINER) GAUNT were (11,346):

i. REUBEN, b ca. 1787. 1850 census shows him living in Burlington County, Evesham Twp., NJ, a carpenter, 63 years of age, with wife, MARY, 46 years of age, and children: WILLIAM, LOUISA, SAMUEL, JOHN and EMMA (p 498).

ii. JOSEPH.

iii. ISAAC, b 29 Jan. 1787, m SUSAN WEBB, daughter of JAMES and MARY (ANTRAM) WEBB. The 1840 census shows him living in Burlington County, Evesham Twp. NJ, with 3 children (p 303). The 1850 census shows him living in Burlington County, Mt. Holly, aged 63 years, his wife, SUSAN, aged 57 years, and his son, HANNANIAH, aged 27 years (p 424). Their children were: MARY, REBECCA, BENJAMIN, FRANKLIN, HANNANIAH, PHOEBE and HANNAH (2,28).

iv. HANNANIAH, b ca. 1797, m (1) 21 Sept. 1822 MARY ROSE (26,92), daughter of STOCTON ROSE, (2) ABIGAIL ATKINSON (11,293). The 1850 census shows him living in Burlington County, Southampton Twp. a carpenter, aged 53 years, his wife, ABIGAIL, aged 44 years, and the following children: JAMES, ABNER, ANNA, ARABELLA, ABIGAIL, ANNANIAH and JOHN (p 335). His will was filed for probate 1854 (58,1:130).

v. MOSES.

vi. MARY, m ____ DAVIS.

There may have been other children (11,293).

## CHAPTER VI

18. JACOB[6] GAUNT *(Joseph[5], Hannaniah[4], Daniel[3], Hannaniah[2], Peter[1],)* was the son of JOSEPH and ELIZABETH (BORTON) GAUNT (Family 12). He was born 22 Jan. 1765 (214) in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. On 6 Mar. 1783 he was granted a certificate from the Little Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting to the Evesham Monthly Meeting, where he was placed under the care of ANTONY ALLEN (170).His name is on a military list in 1793 (85,379).

JACOB married HANNAH HOLMES about 1790. In Oct. 1798 JOHN HOLMES died, and in his will he named his daughter, HANNAH GANT, wife of JACOB (83,38:181). Sometime in the early 1800's the family moved to Ohio, and JACOB is on the 1809 and 1810 tax lists for Columbiana County (228). He and his wife had several children.

19. JOSEPH[6] GAUNT II *(Joseph[5], Hannaniah[4], Daniel[3], Hannaniah[2], Peter[1])* was the son of JOSEPH I and ELIZABETH (BORTON) GAUNT (Family 12). He was born in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey on 12 Dec. 1769 (189, 207 & 216). When he was a young man he moved to Pennsylvania. A family history says that he went with his father and a brother "to what is now Perry County, Pennsylvania. They took up land along Middle Ridge and built a log cabin. The ground was the floor. The plot of ground extended from Middle Ridge south across the creek and composed what is now the farm of Frank Britcher, the Harry Black farm, the ground where the school house stands, the John M. Gantt farm, the Margaret Bealor home and the John Clay property. The father and brother returned to New Jersey, but Joseph II remained on Middle Ridge and died there and is buried in the graveyard of the old Presbyterian Stone Church." (190).

There is a Joseph Gant in the 1790 census of Pennsylvania, Cumberland County, eastern portion (p 80) that shows two males over 16, one male under 16, and three females. It could be JOSEPH I and his son, JOSEPH II (aged 21), his son, ABRAHAM (aged 12), his wife, ELIZABETH, and his two daughters, ANN and SARAH. They were all granted certificates of removal to Warrington, Pennsylvania in 1787 (170), and may have all been on the Middle Ridge farm in 1790. If so, it is probably true that they all returned to New Jersey after 1790, except JOSEPH II.

After the Revolutionary War there were many pioneers eager to move west, and the Juniata Valley was an attractive and undeveloped site. Many of the early settlers were Germans and Scotch-Irish moving in from Lancaster and Berks Counties. JOSEPH II was probably looking for good farm land and it was not available in New Jersey. He went up the Juniata River about ten miles to Middle Ridge, then a few miles inland to the west. He laid out his land from the middle of the Ridge south to Little Buffalo Creek and eventually owned about 500 acres. (Little Buffalo State Park is now located on part of the original farm.)

On 1 Oct. 1793 JOSEPH II married MARY LOBAUGH, the daughter of DANIEL LOBAUGH, who lived on Middle Ridge. She was born 28 Aug. 1775, probably in Berks County. Early tax records of 1793 to 1805 show JOSEPH GAUNT in Juniata Township, Cumberland County (149). The 1800 census of the same township shows JOSEPH GHANT, with a wife and three children (p 213). In 1802 JOSEPH was granted a warrant to 100 acres of land (89,S3:24:683). The 1810 census shows the family (spelled Gauntz) living in the same place with nine children (p 57). In 1820 Perry County had been formed, and the family was in Perry County, Juniata Township with all thirteen of their living children (p 352). According to a tax assessment in 1820 JOSEPH owned 450 acres and a lot in Vienna (36,1098).

JOSEPH died 10 April 1826 (189, 207 & 216). His will was dated 5 March 1826 (223). In it he names his wife, MARY; he leaves his land to his four oldest sons, JOHN, JOSEPH, DAVID and JACOB. He mentions his two sons, HANNANIAH and HIRAM. He requests that his remaining property be divided between his two minor sons, SAMUEL and DANIEL, and his three daughters, ELIZABETH, MARY and ANN. He also states that the four sons on the farm are to be responsible for the education of the four minor children. His two oldest sons, JOHN and JOSEPH, were named as executors.

MARY (LOBAUGH) GAUNT died 17 May 1840. She and her husband are both buried in the Old Stone Church graveyard, located two miles west of Newport (216 & 193,9).

The children of JOSEPH II and MARY (LOBAUGH) GAUNT were (189 & 25,1045):

22. i. JOHN, b 5 July 1794, m RACHEL CARL.

23. ii. JOSEPH III, b 9 May 1796, m MARY McGOWAN.

iii. DANIEL, b 28 Mar. 1797, d young, br in Old Stone Church cemetery.

iv. ELIZABETH, b 25 June 1798, d 2 June 1878, unmarried.

24. v. DAVID, b 31 Oct. 1799, m SUSAN LOBAUGH.

25. vi. HANNANIAH, b 23 Mar. 1801, m MALINDA LOBAUGH.

26. vii. JACOB, b 13 June 1803, m ELLEN BOSSERMAN.

27. viii. HIRAM, b 17 Mar. 1805, m ELIZABETH JOHN.

ix. FREDERICK, b 23 Mar. 1807, d young, br in Old Stone Church cemetery.

x. JESSE, b 4 Nov. 1808, d young, br in Old Stone Church cemetery.

28. xi. JESSE L., b 17 Oct. 1810, m (1) MARGARET KEOGH, (2) CAROLINE SHEIBLEY SPOTTS .

xii. SAMUEL, b 30 July 1812, m MATILDA JORDAN. In 1839 he was living in Havre de Grace MD. Children: LEANDER, LAURA and SAMUEL (193,8 & 200).

29. xiii. DANIEL, b 28 June 1814, m AGNES (NANCY) THOMPSON FULTON.

xiv. MARY ANN, b 19 May 1816, d 23 Jan. 1893 in Harrisburg PA, br in Newport cemetery, unmarried. (206 and 205, 1/27/1893).

xv. AGNESS ANN, b 26 July 1818, m 23 Nov. 1841 DAVID CLOUSER (193,12), d 2 Apr. 1883 (189). The 1850 census for Perry County, Centre Twp. (p 882) lists them with their children: JESSE, JOSEPH, MICHAEL, JOHN, MARY, DELIA, JENNIE, TOPERUS and DAVID (189).

20. BENJAMIN[6] GAUNTT (*Uz*[5], *Samuel*[4], *Zebulon*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of UZ and SARAH (JONES) GAUNTT (Family 13). He was born 18 June 1793 on the family farm in Springfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey (172). On 9 Nov. 1820 at Northampton Meeting House he married SUSAN A. STOKES, the daughter of JOHN and ELIZABETH (WOOLMAN) STOKES of Rancocas, Burlington County (52,2:224).

On 5 Sept. 1821 BENJAMIN was issued a certificate from Burlington Monthly Meeting to the Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting (52,2:224). He resided in the town of Burlington, and owned the stage line, which ran from New York to Philadelphia, and from Burlington to Mt. Holly. He died in 1864 (121,89).

The children of BENJAMIN and SUSAN (STOKES) GAUNTT were (52,2:175):

i. FRANKLIN, b 19 July 1823, m 1849 Mrs. JANE R. MOFFETT, daughter of SAMUEL ALLEN of Philadelphia, graduated from U. of Penn. in 1847 as doctor of medicine, served as doctor in Civil War, later lived and practiced medicine in Burlington NJ. Children were: ELIZABETH m SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, CAROLINE m SAMUEL JONES, FRANKLIN ALLEN, and WILLIAM CROSSWELL DOANE (121,89).

ii. CHARLES STOKES, b 21 June 1825, m SUSAN STRYKER, lived in Burlington, had a daughter, LOUISA (1850 census, NJ, Burlington Co., City of Burlington, p 43).

iii. ELIZABETH LOUISA, d 16 Oct. 1825.

iv. LOUISA, b 19 Mar. 1831.

v. ANNA MARIE, b 9 Oct. 1833, m ____ REEVES .

vi. ELIZABETH, b 22 Feb. 1837, d 11 Dec. 1837.

vii. BENJAMIN UZ, b 23 Feb. 1839, m 4 Nov. 1869 JOSEPHINE COATE (26,92), was a dentist in Philadelphia (121,89). Had daughter, MAUD HALCYON, b 25 Aug. 1870, m WILLIAM H. MANN, d 2 Apr. 1899 (52,2:866 & 808).

viii. NATHAN COLE, b 23 June 1845, lived in Philadelphia.

21. ELISHA[6] GAUNTT (*Uz*[5], *Samuel*[4], *Zebulon*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of UZ and SARAH (JONES) GAUNTT (Family 13). He was born 6 July 1800 on the family farm in Springfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. On 7 Dec. 1826 he married DRUSILLA NORCROSS, the daughter of SIMEON and DRUSILLA (KITTS) NORCROSS of Burlington. She was born 5 May 1818 (221 & 26,92).

ELISHA "was twice a member of the New Jersey legislature, is a perfect type of the first Hannaniah, strong and healthy in body, sound in mind, seems fair for a long life, has his grandchildren living with him, who are the 7th generation who has lived on the land." He "resides on a part of the old homestead within a few hundred yards of where the first house was build by Hannaniah in 1685." (11,289). The house is across the road from the original farm home and is called *Haninicon*, the old Indian name for the area.

DRUSILLA died 22 Aug. 1883, and ELISHA died 1 June 1888 (221 & 58,1:130).

The children of ELISHA and DRUSILLA (NORCROSS) GAUNTT were (221):

i. WILLIAM, died young.

ii. LEWIS, died young.

iii. SOPHIA, m CHARLES BURNS, lived in Bordentown. She provided much of the information in Leah Blackman's book (11).

iv. JOHN FENTON, m MARY SCOTT, lived near Burlington.

v. MARTIN VAN BUREN, b 23 Jan. 1841; m (1) EMILY JOHNSON, daughter of AARON and EDNA (WHITE) JOHNSON; (2) REBECCA SCOTT; d 4 Apr. 1914. By first marriage had the following children:

   a. THOMAS J. m AMY BISPHAN.

   b. AMOR JOHNSON, b 16 Jan. 1868, m 7 Oct. 1896 in Mt. Holly CAROLINE BORTON DAVIS, daughter of JOHN B. and PHOEBE ANN (BOWNE) DAVIS. She was b 10 Oct. 1873, c 16 Mar. 1960. He d 14 Apr. 1944. Their children were:

(1) EDWIN AMOR, b 11 Nov. 1897, m 22 June 1925 GERTRUDE CECILIA HEIM, daughter of WILLIAM G. and ANNA (RYAN) HEIM. He d 1979; his widow living in Mansfield in 1980. Their children: WILLIAM AMOR, ROBERT EDWIN, & ANNE FRANCIS MAETOZO.

(2) JOHN DAVIS, b 9 Apr. 1899. Children: VIRGINIA JONES, PAUL, VIVIAN HART, RUTH ENGLE and JOHN.

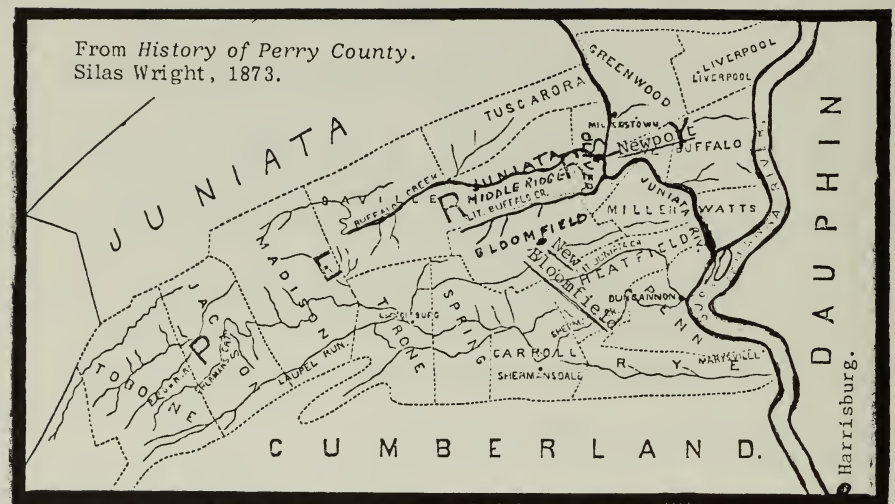
(3) CAROLINE, b 17 Apr. 1905, m 26 Aug. 1955 RUSSEL ARMSTRONG. At the time this is written, they are living near Jobstown, and have many family mementoes.

By second marriage had the following children:

c. EMILIE, m WALTER WOOD, had son, HARRY.

d. CAROLINE, died young.

vi. CAROLINE, m AMOR JOHNSON.




A Map of Perry County in 1873.

# CHAPTER VII

## THE SEVENTH GENERATION

The remainder of this book will be limited to the descendants of JOSEPH II, who went to Pennsylvania. When he went to Cumberland County about 1790 there were very few settlers west of the Susquehanna River. The few who had ventured there before the Revolutionary War had retreated during the War because of the Indian uprisings. The Juniata Valley attracted many settlers because of its fertile valleys and the ease with which inhabitants could move up and down the river. JOSEPH went to Middle Ridge, which lies between Buffalo and Little Buffalo Creeks, There he laid out his farm, about two miles west of Newport, cleared it, and eventually owned about five hundred acres.

Newport was laid out as a village in Juniata Township in 1814 by DANIEL REEDER and was originally called Reederville. It was a natural stop for river traffic and provided a commercial center for the rich farm land to the west. When the population increased, there was pressure for the formation of a new county because of the difficulty, sometimes impossibility, of getting to Carlisle, the county seat. The citizens of Reederville changed its name to Newport and had hopes of being named the county seat of the new county. However, the legislative act which authorized the formation of the new county also required that the county seat be located in the center of the county. So a new town was laid out and built in Mahanoy Valley and named New Bloomfield. The courthouse was built in 1824-25. In 1829 the population was 220 (122,41).

22. JOHN[7] GAUNT (*Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the first child of JOSEPH and MARY (LOBAUGH) GAUNT (Family 19). He was born 5 July 1794 in Cumberland (now Perry) County, Juniata Township, Pennsylvania (189).

On 6 Jan. 1817 he had a survey made for fifty acres of land, which he received by warrent (89,S3,24:684). He was listed on the 1820 tax assessment as owning forty acres of land in Juniata Township, Perry County, and also having two lots in the town of Milford (36,2:1098). When his father died in

1826, he inherited a part of his father's farm. The 1820 census shows him living in Juniata Township with his mother, one younger brother, and two younger sisters (p 283). It was undoubtedly the mansion home of his deceased father.

JOHN married RACHEL CARL in 1837. The 1840 census shows him living in Juniata Township, with his wife and one small daughter (p 343). The 1850 census shows him living in the same township, with his wife and five children (p 320).

One of JOHN's grandsons (son of DANIEL TAYLOR, below) said that he (JOHN) was the last of the family to use the name of "Gaunt." The others had gradually started using "Gantt" for reasons unknown. JOHN died 10 April 1857, and RACHEL died 25 Oct. 1863 (189).

The children of JOHN and RACHEL (CARL) GAUNT were:

i. EMELINE MARY, b 8 Oct. 1838, d 1858.

ii. MARY ELIZABETH, b 17 June 1840, d Aug. 1857.

iii. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b 23 Nov. 1842.

iv. JOHN LEWELLYN, b 19 June 1845.

v. DANIEL TAYLOR, b 25 Feb. 1848, m 29 Apr. 1881 PHOEBE THOMAS. They lived in Falls City NB. Children: RUTH EDNA BAUMGART, EDITH ALICE CRAIG, CARL THOMAS and PAUL AVERY.

23. JOSEPH[7] GAUNT III (*Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JOSEPH II and MARY (LOBAUGH) GAUNT (Family 19). He was born 9 May 1796 on his father's farm in Juniata Township, Cumberland (now Perry) County, Pennsylvania. On 12 June 1828 he married MARY ANN McGOWAN, the daughter of DENNIS and CATHERINE (___) McGOWAN (25,1045). She was born 25 Dec. 1805 (206).

JOSEPH inherited a part of the family farm when his father died in 1826 (223). His portion was south of Middle Ridge road and ran along the valley of Little Buffalo Creek. The land remained in the family until the 1970's, when it was purchased by the state and made into a recreation park. In the 1830 census of Perry County, Juniata Township, JOSEPH and his wife are listed with two children, both under five

years of age (p 283). In 1831 he was assessed for a sawmill in Centre Township (36, 1083). The 1850 census shows the family in Centre Township with eight children (p 885). Centre Township was formed out of a part of Juniata Township, so the family probably always lived on the same farm. The 1850 census shows them in Centre Township, with six children at home (p 38). They were members of the Methodist Church (25, 1045).

JOSEPH died 31 Jan. 1867, and his widow, MARY ANN, died 9 March 1878 (206).

The children of JOSEPH III and MARY ANN (McGOWEN) GAUNT were:

30. i. JOHN WESLEY, b 19 Mar. 1829, m CATHERINE SMITH.

ii. CATHERINE, b 8 Mar. 1830, m SAMUEL REED of Ickesburg, d 22 May 1905 in Ickesburg (204, 22 May, 1905 & 206).

iii. JACOB M., b 18 April 1832, was a teacher and superintendent of schools in Perry County, m BELLE MITCHELL (200), moved to Missouri where he lived for many years. Returned to Perry County, d at home of his daughter, Mrs. KAUFFMAN, 17 Feb. 1905 (205, 23 Feb. 1905, 204, 1 Mar. 1905, & 206).

iv. MARY ANN, b 27 Apr. 1833, m (1) 12 Aug. 1862 JESSE L. GANTT (212), son of DAVID (Family 24), (2) JOHN SWARTZ (25, 1045).

31. v. ISAIAH M., b 30 July 1834, m MARGARET A. McKEEHAN.

vi. MARGARET, b 18 Dec. 1836, m PHILLIP BEALOR (25, 1045).

vii. ELIZABETH, b 13 Nov. 1839, lived in Lockport NY, d 3 Dec. 1918 (204, 24 May 1905 & 206).

viii. WILLIAM E., b 29 April 1845, served in Civil War, was a teacher, moved to Nebraska where he practiced law in Ponca, moved to California where he d 1920 (50, 810).

24. DAVID[7] GANTT (*Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JOSEPH II and MARY (LOBAUGH) GANTT (Family 19). He was born 31 Oct. 1799 on his father's farm on Middle Ridge, Juniata Township, Cumberland (now Perry) County, Pennsylvania (189).

He married SUSAN LOBAUGH and they moved away from Perry County. In 1839 he gave his power of attorney to his brother DANIEL to sell his land. In 1841 he was living in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, 15 miles from Kittanning. In 1842 he visited in Newport and then returned to his home in Armstrong County (193, 4,12, & 15).

The children of DAVID and SUSAN (LOBAUGH) GANTT were (200):

32. i. JESSE L., m MARY ANN GANTT.

ii. ELLEN.

iii. PETER.

iv. ELIZABETH

25. HANNANIAH[7] GANTT IV (*Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JOSEPH and MARY (LOBAUGH) GANTT (Family 19). He was born 23 March 1801 on his father's farm on Middle Ridge, in Juniata Township, Cumberland (now Perry) County, Pennsylvania (189).

On 24 Feb. 1829 he married MALINDA E. LOBAUGH, who was born 18 Dec. 1808 in Cumberland County (205, 4 June 1896). The 1830 census shows the family living in Perry County, Juniata Township, with one son (p 281). The 1850 census shows them living in Oliver Township (which was formed from Juniata Township in 1837) with six of the first nine children listed below (p 511). The 1860 census shows them living in the same place with five of their children (p 647). The 1870 census shows him in the same place with three children (p 6).

HANNANIAH lived on the same farm all of his life. He died 29 Jan. 1884. His widow, MALINDA, died 31 May 1896. Both are buried in Newport Cemetery (206 & 205, 4 June 1896).

The children of HANNANIAH and MALINDA (LOBAUGH) GANTT were (200):

33. i. ALFRED MILLER, b 14 Feb. 1831, m MARTHA ENGLISH.

ii. LEWELLAN, b 1 Oct. 1832, d 12 Aug. 1833.

iii. JOSEPH DON L., b 6 Jan. 1835, m 4 Feb. 1858 MARY JANE ZIEGLER of Oliver Twp. (202, 11 Feb. 1858), was a teacher (36,940), d 8 Oct. 1863 (206).

iv. RACHEL, b Apr. 1837, d 25 Aug. 1837.

v. WILLIAM HENRY, b 15 Sept. 1839, d 20 Mar. 1841.

34. vi. DANIEL WEBSTER, b 18 Mar. 1842, m JULIA ANN HORTING.

vii. SAMUEL THEODORE, b 11 Nov. 1843, m MARY GOODYEAR, d 4 Nov. 1870. He served in the Civil War (224), and was survived by a daughter, JENNIE (218).

viii. HENRY CLAY, b 20 Mar. 1846, m 15 Nov. 1871 SARAH JANE McCOY of Penn Twp. (95). In 1873 was an elder in *Mouth of the Juniata* Presbyterian Church in Duncannon (36,1124). The 1880 census shows him living in Penn Twp. with his wife, SARAH, and son, EDWARD K., aged 5 years (p 17). He d 10 May 1881 and is buried at *Mouth of the Juniata* Presbyterian cemetery (95). In 1884 SARAH GANTT was named guardian of her minor son (218, #G135½).

ix. MARY MARGARET, b 12 Oct. 1847, d 25 Jan. 1854.

x. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, b 7 Oct. 1850, m 14 Nov. 1875 HALLIE NETTLE of Mattawanna, moved to Altoona in 1881 where he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He d 7 Apr. 1901 in Altoona, and was survived by his wife and two daughters, MARTHA A. and STELLA S. (205, 11. Apr. 1901).

xi. MALINDA LOBAUGH, b 19 Feb. 1856, m JOHN KROH, was a practical nurse in Newport for many years, d 6 Apr. 1927 (206 & 205, 12 Apr. 1927).

26. JACOB[7] GANTT (*Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JOSEPH II and MARY (LOBAUGH) GAUNT (Family 19). He was born 13 June 1803 on his father's home farm on Middle Ridge, Juniata Township, Cumberland (later Perry) County, Pennsylvania (189). About 1830 he married ELLEN BOSSERMAN, who was born in 1809, and died in 1878 (63,1410).

In 1829 JACOB was teaching school at Clauser's schoolhouse near his birthplace (36,1122). The 1830 census shows that he and his wife were living in New York, Niagara County, Royalton (p 365). In October 1836 JACOB's brother DANIEL recorded in his journal that "Jacob and wife arrived from Niagara Co., N.Y., their home, on a visit to their friends, and I met them at home on the 10th." (193,3). The 1840 census shows them living in New York, Niagara County, Lockport, with three children (p 59). The 1850 census shows them living in the same place (p 136), with the five children named below, He is listed as a farmer. JACOB died 19 June 1884, in Lockport (189).

The children of JACOB and ELLEN (BOSSERMAN) GANTT, all born in New York, were:[1]

i. EPHRAIM W., b ca 1831, graduated from Columbia University as doctor of medicine, returned to Lockport to practice his profession. He later became editor of the *Daily Review*. He m VINCY FLAGLER. Children: ALICE FOOTE, CHARLES, HOWARD, EMMA FOOTE, ELIZABETH DUNLAP, MARY LINDSAY, ABIGAIL LAWRENCE, ELEANOR ROSE, EDWIN, FRANCIS, GRACE and ROBERT (63,1410-11). An entry in DANIEL GANTT's Journal in Sept. 1852 said, "Ephriham W. Gantt, son of bro. Jacob, arrived for a visit from N. Y." (193,23). DANIEL was living in New Bloomfield at that time.

ii. MARY J., b 1834, m ___ JOHNSTON, d 1902. Had children, NELLIE and ABBIE (63,1410).

35. iii. WATSON L., b ca 1838, m MARGARET KOUGH.

iv. FRANKLIN, b ca 1842, probably died young as he is on 1850 census, but not listed in 63,1410.

v. ELLEN, b ca 1847, m WILLIAM HAGARMAN (63,1410).

[1]The names, approximate birth dates and birthplace are taken from the 1850 census (New York, Niagara Co., Lockport, p 59).

27. HIRAM[7] GANTT (*Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JOSEPH and MARY (LOBAUGH) GANTT (Family 19). He was born 17 March 1805 on his father's home farm on Middle Ridge, Juniata Township, Cumberland (later Perry) County, Pennsylvania. On 9 April 1829 he married ELIZABETH JOHN (189).

The 1840 census shows that they were living in Perry County, Newport Borough, with two children (p 286). His brother, DANIEL, made an entry in his Journal on 30 April 1844 which said, "Brother Hiram & family started from north western part of Ohio to settle." (193,17). Later in June 1856 when DANIEL was taking a trip to the west, he wrote, "Hired a conveyance which took me out to Brother Hirams. Thursday Hiram, his son, Thomas D., and I went to Cambridge, county seat of Henry Co. & passed considerable part of the country, which is yet thinly settled, but is good prairie land, tolerably well intersperced with timber groves." (193,25).

The children of HIRAM and ELIZABETH (JOHN) GANTT were (189):

i. JOHN, b 31 Mar. 1830, d 10 May 1832.

ii. THOMAS D., b 17 Apr. 1833, m 26 Feb. 1857 SURRETTA WALTERS. They had son: IRA.

iii. ELIZABETH, b 3 Sept. 1837, d 4 Sept. 1837.

iv. MARY E., b 11 July 1839, m July 1855 A. L. ENGLISH.

v. Infant, b and d Dec. 1845.

28. JESSE L.[7] GANTT (*Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JOSEPH II and MARY (LOBAUGH) GAUNT (Family 19). He was born 17 Oct. 1810 on his father's farm on Middle Ridge, Juniata Township, Cumberland (now Perry) County, Pennsylvania (189).[1]

About 1846 JESSE married (1) CATHERINE E. KOCH (200). The 1850 census shows the family living in Perry County, Borough of Petersburg (later called Duncannon) with the first three children listed below (p 958). JESSE is listed as a merchant. CATHERINE died 3 Feb. 1852 (200).

[1]Jesse is not mentioned in the will of his father, who died in 1826. Reason unknown.

About 1858 he married (2) CAROLINE SHEIBLEY SPOTTS, the daughter of JACOB SHEIBLEY and the widow of REUBEN SPOTTS. She was born 21 May 1827. Her first husband died in 1857 and left her with a small son, DAVID H. (60,373).

JESSE rebuilt a partly burned hotel on the northeast side of the square in Newport about 1857 and called it the *Gantt House* (90,99). The 1860 census shows the family living in Perry County, Newport Borough with the first three children listed below. JESSE is listed as a hotel keeper. The 1870 census shows the family still living in the same place, with the two sons of the second marriage (p 1). JESSE is still listed as a hotel keeper.

In 1875 the hotel burned and CAROLINE died of burns which resulted from the fire (25, 1350). One source says, "accidently burned to death while cleaning her hair with coal oil" (60,373). She is buried in St. Peter's cemetery in Landisburg (205, 18 May 1905). JESSE rebuilt the hotel with a brick structure and called it the *Central Hotel*. It was later called the *Mingle House* (205,24 Feb.1914). JESSE died 1 Mar. 1880 (189).

The children of JESSE L. and CATHERINE (KOCH) GANTT were (25,1350):

i. MARY ELLEN, b ca 1845, m DAVID JONES.

ii. JOHN CLAYTON, b ca 1849, m and had two daughters, NELLIE and JESSIE (1880 census, Perry County, Newport Borough, p 23).

iii. SARAH E.. (called SADIE), b ca 1851, m DAVID ERNST.

iv. MARGARET JANE, d 2 Aug. 1860.

v. WILLIAM HENRY, b 25 Jan. 1853, m 1875 OLIVE BUTZ (1851-1938), daughter of JESSE S. BUTZ. WILLIAM was a jeweler in Newport, d Feb. 1914. They had one son, FRANK CONOVER (1877-1938), who continued the business (205,24 Feb. 1915; 206; & 54,3:701).

The children of JESSE and CAROLINE (SHIEBLEY-SPOTTS) GANTT were:

vi. JACOB, b 24 Nov. 1860, went to North Platte NB in 1881, d 11 May 1905 in Newport (205. 18 May 1905).

vii. JESSE, b ca 1865, was in New Mexico, later in El Paso TX, unm.

29. DANIEL[7], GANTT (*Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JOSEPH II and MARY (LOBAUGH) GAUNT (Family 19). He was born on his father's farm on Middle Ridge, Juniata Township, Cumberland (later Perry) County, Pennsylvania on 28 June 1814. He was educated in the log cabin school located on his father's farm. When he was ten year old, "while cutting a tree, he received a cut on his left knee from the ax, which confined him to bed from October to April, and caused him to be lame in that leg, and he walked with a staff ever after." (189).

His father died when he was twelve years old and left instructions in his will that the older sons in the family were to provide for the education of DANIEL and the other three minor children (223). Probably because of his physical handicap and also because the family farm had been divided between the older sons, DANIEL was encouraged to develop his intellectual abilities rather than to pursue agriculture, which had been the family tradition. He first taught school in 1831, and continued for several years. In 1834 he was teaching at Col. THOMPSON's subscription school when the first Common School Law of Pennsylvania was passed by the legislature, and the district in which he was teaching became the first district in the state to adopt the policy of free public education (193, 2). He continued to be actively concerned with the development of public education for the remainder of his life.

In 1835 DANIEL became a member of the Middle Ridge Presbyterian Church (now called the Old Stone Church) and was active in theological debates. He studied languages with a local minister, and became skillful at public speaking. He also superintended three singing schools – one in Newport, one in New Bloomfield, and one in Petersburg. To provide himself with a livelihood he studied surveying, posted the books in Perry Furnace. In October 1837 he took "charge of the business of the Sheriff of Perry County" and moved into New Bloomfield (193,4).

At that time New Bloomfield was a new town. It had been started in 1820 when Perry County was formed from Cumberland County. Newport, located on the Juniata River, was the largest and oldest town in the new county, and its residents expected it to be the county seat. However, the citizens of numerous small villages wanted a more central location. As a result it was decided to start a new town in the center of the county, and this was mandated in the separation act from Cumberland County. The court house was built in 1824-5, and in 1829 the population was 220 persons (122,41).

DANIEL soon became interested in politics. In 1836 he was a delegate to the Whig county convention. In 1840 he was a delegate to the Whig national convention in Baltimore, at which WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON was nominated for the presidency. It was an exciting experience for him and he described it enthusiastically in his journal. On his arrival home he learned that his mother was ill, and he hurried to her home on Middle Ridge. She died on 17 May 1840. Later that year, after the election, he went to Harrisburg to celebrate Harrison's victory. The next year he mourned HARRISON's death, which came just one month after the president had taken the oath of office (193,5-8).

DANIEL liked to travel, and his journals contain many interesting accounts of his trips. When he was in Baltimore for the Whig convention, he went to visit his brother, SAMUEL, in Havre de Grace, Maryland. He attended other political conventions, and he went to New Jersey two times to visit his many relatives there. In 1841 he went west to visit his brother DAVID in Armstrong County (193,11-12).

In April 1841 he was one of the trustees of the Middle Ridge Presbyterian Church when they had to make a decision about the building. They decided to sell the land and building but retain the burial grounds as a public area. In November 1841 DANIEL quit working for the Sheriff, and began to study law in the office of JOSEPH CASEY.

In September 1842 DANIEL wrote in his journal that he "spent a few days in Shirleysburg." This was the town in which NANCY FULTON, his future wife, was living. On Jan. 1843 he was admitted to the Perry County bar. The following May he formed a partnership with Col. IVES CASEY to practice law (36,915). On 13 November 1843 in Shirleysburg he married AGNES THOMPSON FULTON (always called Nancy), the daughter of ROBERT and DEBORAH (THOMPSON) FULTON. NANCY, born 26 Jan. 1820 in Perry County, was living with her widowed mother and two sisters and teaching scool in Shirleysburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. E. Collins, a friend of the FULTON family. After the wedding, DANIEL and NANCY went to Millerstown to visit JANE and JOHN PATTERSON, NANCY's sister and brother-in-law. On 21 Nov. they went to New Bloomfield to live (193,17 & 203,30 Nov. 1854).

DANIEL's journal tells about many short trips that he and his wife took in the county and to neighboring cities. On 10 March 1846 he purchased a house at 100 S. Carlisle, one block from the square in New Bloomfield (193,20 & 229). The house is no longer standing, and another building is on the site.

Behind the building is the public spring where the villagers went to get fresh water and to water their livestock. It is now enclosed by an iron fence, and is home for tame ducks. The 1850 census shows the family living in Perry County, the Borough of New Bloomfield with their children – AMANDA, 5; ADLINA, 3: and FULTON, 1 (p 99). Also living with them was MARY ANN GANT, 32, DANIEL's sister.

During the following decade DANIEL was very active in community affairs. He frequently gave political speeches and attended conventions. He helped plan the first agricultural fair in 1852 and continued to serve as its secretary for many years. He was one of the men who purchased the grounds and laid out the New Bloomfield cemetery in 1854. He was secretary of the lyceum which was formed in 1842. He was the first president of the Temperance Society, which was formed in 1848, and frequently gave speeches at their meetings. He helped to found the Teachers Institute in New Bloomfield (50,677-680). His journal says that he continued to do surveying and that he often went to Harrisburg on business. In 1852 he and NANCY went to New Jersey and he wrote, "Went to Uncle Amos Evans and spent a few days with my relatives in New Jersey." (193,23).

In the summer of 1856 DANIEL went to Nebraska. His journal describes the route and ways of travel, with many interesting comments on the land and people. He also included some letters that he wrote back to New Bloomfield for publication in the newspapers. The following fall he returned to Nebraska and went to Omaha, Plattsmouth and Nebraska City (193, 25-36). He was probably trying to decide what would be best for him and his family. Nebraska was being opened for homesteading by the Pre-emption Act, and many people were moving in. It must have been a tempting prospect for a young man who owned no land, and who had a profession that would be useful and influential in the building of the new state. He wrote in his journal, "After my return home from the west, I commenced arranging my business to move west – sold my property and wound up all my business so far as it was possible for me to do so, during the fall and winter." (193, 36).

On 21 April 1857 he "left Newport, with my family, and in company with twenty-three others, started west." They went by steamboat to St. Louis. There they changed boats and went up the Missouri to Omaha, where they landed 13 May. They "settled in Saratoga, two miles above Omaha." There are no further entries in the journal until 15 October, when he wrote, "After a long illness, wife died this day from inflammation of the lungs." (193,37). This must have been a grievous

time for DANIEL and for the five children, who ranged from three to thirteen years of age. A flood had washed away the lumber he had brought with him for his buildings, and a severe depression made money very scarce. In December he and the children returned to Perry County PA, where they spent the winter.

The next April DANIEL again went west and stopped in Pittsburgh to marry HARRIET COOPER on 20 April 1858 (193, 37). She was born 16 Oct. 1810 in Maryland (195) and was a family friend and former teacher in New Bloomfield. They took the youngest child, AMOS EVANS, with them and left the other four children in Perry County with relatives. DANIEL settled in Omaha in August and commenced to practice law. He corresponded regularly with his children, and we have many of his letters. They tell about the gold rush, the land swindles, and about his attempts to get the money to send for them so that they could all be together again (191).

The 1860 census of Nebraska Territory, Douglas County, 2nd Ward (p 27) shows DANIEL, 46, attorney; HARRIET, 47; and AMOS, 6. The oldest daughter, AMANDA, is listed in the 1860 census of Pennsylvania, Perry County, Oliver Township (p 656), living in the household of ALFRED and MARTHA GANTT. ALFRED was the son of HANNANIAH, brother of DANIEL. The second daughter, ADELENA, 14, is listed in Perry County, Centre Township (p 416) in the household of JOHN WESLEY and CATHERINE GANTT. JOHN WESLEY was the son of JOSEPH III, brother of DANIEL. The third child, THOMPSON FULTON, 11, is listed in Centre Township, (p 38) in the household of WILLIAM SCHOCK, miller,who is listed immediately after the household of JOSEPH GANTT, III, and it is probable that FULTON was left in the care of JOSEPH III and was serving an apprenticeship with the miller. The fourth child, MARY ALICE, 9, is listed in Perry County, Petersburg Borough, P.O. Duncannon (p 99) in the household of MARY ANN FULTON, 47, seamstress. MARY ANN was the sister of the deceased NANCY. Also living with MARY ANN was MARY ANN ATHERTON, the daughter of another deceased sister, DEBORAH.

It was five years before DANIEL was able to send for his children. During that time, on 16 Sept. 1860, his oldest daughter, AMANDA, died at the home of HANNANIAH GANTT, DANIEL's brother. He wrote to his children that he had suffered financial losses due to investments which proved to be worthless. In November 1863 he sent money to ADELENA and T. Fulton, with detailed instructions for their trip to Omaha (191, #20). He does not mention ALICE, and we can only speculate that for some reason it was desirable for her to remain with her Aunt MARY ANN.

In 1863-64 DANIEL represented his county in the territorial legislature, and as a member of that body he assisted in forming the State Constitution (79,112). In 1864 he was appointed by President Lincoln as Attorney for the Territory. In 1868 he and his wife moved to Nebraska City. The 1870 census shows them in Otoe County, Nebraska City, and living with them is AMOS EVANS, 16 (p 33). In 1871 he was elected as District Judge, and in 1875 he became a member of the State Supreme Court, where he served as Chief Justice (92,1223).

DANIEL died on 28 May 1878 and was buried in Wyoka Cemetery at Nebraska City (196 & 225). Many state officials gave eulogies at his funeral. He did not find the worldly wealth that may have been a part of his new world dream, but he left a legacy of legal discipline and tireless work that helped to build the foundations of that new world.

HARRIET (COOPER) GANTT died 26 May 1884 in Omaha and is buried beside her husband in Wyoka Cemetery, Nebraska City. (195 & 225).

The children of DANIEL and AGNES THOMPSON (FULTON) GANTT were:

i. AMANDA ELLEN, b 3 Oct. 1844, d 16 Sept. 1860 in Perry County PA.

36 ii. ADLENA MARANTHA (called LENA), b 1 June 1846, m JOHN CHALFANT.

iii. EDWIN, b 13 Feb. 1848, d 16 Feb. 1848.

37. iv. THOMPSON FULTON, b 31 Jan. 1849, m EDITH GRUMAN.

v. MARY ALICE, b 6 Jan. 1851, m AZUR C. ROHRBACK 4 Oct. 1869, lived in Washington DC. Chidren:
a. EDWIN FULTON, b 9 Nov. 1873.
b. CURTIS, b 28 Jan. 1879.
c. AGNES, b 13 Sept. 1883.

38. vi. AMOS EVANS, b 4 Oct. 1854, m (1) EMMA MILLER (2) PHOEBE UNLAND.

vii. DEBORAH, b 22 Sept. 1855, d 27 Oct. 1855.

# CHAPTER VIII

## THE EIGHTH GENERATION

30. JOHN WESLEY[8] GANTT (*Joseph*[7], *Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JOSEPH and MARY (McGOWEN) GANTT (Family 23). He was born 19 March 1829 in Centre Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania (189). He taught school from 1850 to 1854, then returned to his father's farm (25,1045).

On 27 Sept. 1855, he married CATHERINE SMITH, the daughter of HENRY and ELIZABETH (MARKLE) SMITH. She was born 18 June 1835. Her parents were of German ancestry, and her father was a farmer and native of Perry County. In 1860 JOHN WESLEY and his wife moved to a farm nearby and lived there the remainder of their lives (25,1045). The 1860 census shows the family living in Centre Township (p 26) with two children, HENRY and LAURA. Also living with them was ADELENA GANTT, the daughter of DANIEL, and a cousin of JOHN WESLEY.

In 1864 JOHN WESLEY enlisted in the Army and served in the Civil War as Sergeant in Company E, 208th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was at the Battle of Petersburg, Ft. Steadman and Hatches Run. He received a wound in the shoulder and was discharged June 1865 (25,974-8 & 36, 400).

The 1870 census shows the family in Centre Township (p 10) with four children; HENRY, LAURA, AMOS and MARY. In 1875 and 1878 JOHN WESLEY served as county commissioner of Perry County (36,903). At other times he also served as assessor, auditor, tax collector and school director (25,1045). The 1880 census shows the family in Centre Township (p 22), with their six living children listed below. JOHN WESLEY is listed as county commissioner, and HARRY and AMOS are listed as farmers. The 1900 census shows the family living in the same place (p 20), with their daughter, LAURA, aged 40, and a grandson, FOREST, aged 16.

CATHERINE died 20 Jan. 1903, and JOHN WESLEY died 11 Nov. 1904. Both are buried in Newport Cemetery (206). They were members of the Evangelical Church (25,1045).

## CHAPTER VIII

The children of JOHN WESLEY and CATHERINE (SMITH) GANTT were (25,974-8):

i. CLARA, b 3 Sept. 1856, d 16 Dec. 1856 (206).

ii, HENRY C., b 8 Oct. 1857, m 22 Sept. 1886 ANNIE D. SHOWALTER, daughter of CORNELIUS SHOWWALTER. In 1896 he was elected Perry County treasurer. Was also conductor on the Sherman Valley Railroad.

iii. LAURA E., b 24 Feb. 1860, d 23 July 1925, unm. (206)

iv. AMOS L., b ca 1862, m ANNE WITH.

v. MARY ANN, b ca 1866, m JOHN E. SHEIBLEY.

vi. FLORENCE E., m JAMES L. FRANK, lived in Harrisburg PA.

vii. WILLIAM S., b 1 Nov. 1871, d 18 June 1899 (206).

31. ISAIAH M.[8] GANTT (*Joseph*[7], *Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JOSEPH and MARY ANN (McGOWEN) GANTT (Family 23). He was born 30 July 1834 in Centre Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania. From September 1864 to June 1865 he served in the Civil War as a private in Company E., 208th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers (36,400).

At the close of the war ISAIAH married MARGARET A. Mc KEEHAN, the daughter of JOHN and MARGARET (LUPFER) McKEEHAN (205,17 Mar. 1914). She was born 27 Nov. 1838 (206). The 1870 census shows the family living in Centre Township (p 11), with their two oldest children, listed below. Also living with them was his mother, MARY, and his sisters, CATHERINE and ELIZABETH. The 1880 census shows them living in the same place (p 26), with all the children listed below except the fifth and sixth, both of whom died young.

ISAIAH died 6 Jan. 1893 (206) and is named on a list of Civil War dead (90). The 1900 census shows his widow, MARGARET, living alone in Centre Township (p 4a). She died 14 March 1914 at the home of her son, JOHN M. (205, 17 Mar. 1914). Both are buried in Newport Cemetery (206).

The children of ISAIAH and MARGARET (McKEEHAN) GANTT, all born in Perry County, were (226):

i. FRANK H., b Aug. 1868, lived in Newport, m SARAH MILLER, listed in 1900 census in Newport with three children (p 7b). He d 1934. His wife b 1871, and d 1961. Both br in Newport cemetery. Children:
   a. ROY M., b 1893, d 1975, br in Newport Cem.
   b. PAUL, b 1894, br near Philadelphia.
   c. MARGARET M., b 1898, d 1972, br Newport Cemetery.

ii. HARRY L., b Mar. 1870, m 1899 CORA ___. 1900 census shows him and wife living in Newport (p 4a). He moved to Chicago, where he worked as a carpenter. D after a fall off a roof. Had 3 children. His widow returned to Newport and later m ___ RAFFENSBERGER (226).

39. iii. JOHN M., b Mar. 1872, m NEVA E. GRUBE.

iv. CHARLES B., b Feb. 1874, m (1) CATHERINE ___, (2) FANNY ___, lived in Downington.

v. JOSEPH CHESTER, b 16 July 1876, d 8 Mar. 1877 (206).

vi. MARY ELIZABETH, b 7 July 1878, d 24 July 1878 (206).

vii. BERTIE, b July 1880, m JAMES NICKERSON, d in Chicago. They had 4 children: JAMES A., CARL, EDWARD and DORIS (226).

32. JESSE L.[8] GANTT (*David*[7], *Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of DAVID and SUSAN (LOBAUGH) GANTT (Family 24). He was born about 1830 in Perry County, Pennsylvania. His parents moved to western Pennsylvania when he was young, and in 1841 they were living in Armstrong County (193,12).

On 12 Aug. 1862 he married his cousin, MARY ANN GANTT, the daughter of JOSEPH III and MARY ANN (McGOWAN) GANTT (Family 23), at her home in Perry County, Centre Township (212). She was born 27 April 1833.

JESSE must have died in the late 1860's. The 1870 census shows MARY ANN living in Centre Township, with her three children listed below (p 10). Her name is listed bebween the names of her two brothers, JOHN WESLEY and ISAIAH M., so it can be assumed that they were neighbors, and they probably helped her stay on her farm and raise her family. The 1900 census shows her living in Centre Township, with her son, DAVID, and his family (p 22). Later she married (2) JOHN SWARTZ (200). She was living in 1905 when her brother JACOB M. died (204, 1 Mar. 1905).

The children of JESSE L. and MARY ANN (GANTT) GANTT were:

i. ENOS, b 1862, d 1870 (206).

40. ii. DAVID A., b 9 Feb. 1864, m MARY NAOMI BAKER.

iii. JESSIE A., b 1865, d 1886 (206).

33. ALFRED MILLER[8] GANTT *(Hannaniah[7], Joseph[6], Joseph[5], Hannaniah[4], Daniel[3], Hannaniah[2], Peter[1])* was the son of HANNANIAH IV and MALINDA (LOBAUGH) GANTT (Family 25). He was born 14 Feb. 1831 at his parents' home on Middle Ridge, Juniata Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania (205, 8 Jan. 1915).

He began to teach school in 1850 at Deardoff's schoolhouse for $16.00 per month (36,1129). He attended Bloomfield Academy and taught in several small schools in the Township. On 13 Dec. 1855 he married MARTHA ANN ENGLISH, the daughter of DAVID and MARY ENGLISH, who lived in Oliver Township (205, 8 Jan. 1815 & 210). The 1860 census shows the family in Perry County, Oliver Township, with their two children, FLORA and LEHMAN (P 656). Also living with them was AMANDA, aged 14, the daughter of DANIEL and a cousin of ALFRED MILLER. The 1870 census shows the family living in the same township, with their two children, FLORA and LEHMAN (p 5). The 1880 census shows the family in Newport, with FLORA, 23, and LEHMAN, 20 (p 45). ALFRED MILLER and FLORA are both listed as school teachers, and LEHMAN is listed as a carpenter.

When he first started teaching, the school terms were often short, and during vacations ALFRED MILLER worked

for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He helped to build the first right of way through the state, and he worked on the rail system that went through Newport. He was also a school director and township auditor.

MARTHA died December 1903. ALFRED MILLER died at the home of his daughter in Newport 7 Jan. 1915. Both are buried in Newport Cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

The children of ALFRED MILLER and MARTHA ANN (ENGLISH) GANTT were:

i. FLORA, b ca 1857, m ____ MIDDLETON.

ii. LEHMAN ENGLISH, b Feb. 1860. The 1900 census shows him in Newport with his wife, MARY P. aged 34, and daughter, MARTHA M., aged 12. He is listed as a carpenter. He worked for Newport Planing Mill for 26 years. In 1900 he was appointed postmaster and held that job until 1912. He then had a restaurant on Market St. In 1913 he m MAUDE C. CORNMAN (54,3:700). He d after 1936. His widow died Oct. 1945 (203, 17 Oct. 1945).

34. DANIEL WEBSTER[8] GANTT (*Hannaniah*[7], *Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of HANNANIAH IV and MELINDA (LOBAUGH) GANTT (Family 25). He was born 18 March 1842 in Oliver Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania. He taught school, worked on his father's farm, and later became a carpenter. He served in the Civil War (68).

On 12 Oct. 1865 he married JULIA A. HORTING, who was born 14 Oct. 1843. They lived in Newport, and for many years he was the superintendent of the Newport Planing Mill, retiring in 1920 (205, 26 Oct. 1926). The 1870 census shows him living in the Borough of Newport, with his wife and two children, CHARLES, 3, and CURTIS, 1 (p 22). The 1880 census shows him living in the same place with the first four children listed below (p 45). The 1900 census shows him living in the same place with his wife and his two youngest daughters, ANNIE and CARRIE (Sheet 1B).

JULIA died 10 March 1920. DANIEL died 22 Oct. 1926. Both are buried in Newport Cemetery (206).

The children of DANIEL and JULIA (HORTING) GANTT were:

i. CHARLES B., b 21 July 1867, m 24 Dec. 1888 TESSIE F. BEALOR (1867-1949), the daughter of JOSEPH & MARY ELLEN (MILLER) BEALOR. He was a carpenter in Newport (38,163). The 1900 census shows him in Newport with his wife and 3 children below (Sheet B1). He d 1 Nov. 1950 (206). Their children were:
   a. MAE, b 24 Apr. 1890.
   b. MAURICE, b 19 May 1892.
   c. RODNEY, b 6 Dec. 1895.

ii. CURTIS H., b 12 Jan. 1869, d 29 Aug. 1893 of typhoid (205, 26 Oct. 1926).

iii. MARY, b ca 1873, m JOHN S. KOUGH.

iv. ANNIE, b Sept. 1877, m JAMES E SMITH.

v. CARRIE, b May 1884, m J. S. Whitmore.

35. WATSON L.[8] GANTT (*Jacob*[7], *Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of JACOB and ELLEN (BOSSERMAN) GANTT (Family 26). He was born about 1838 in Lockport, Niagara County, New York, where his parents lived.

On 16 Oct. 1861, in Newport, Perry County, Pennsylvania, he married MARGARET KOUGH, daughter of WILLIAM and MARY (McKENZIE) KOUGH. She was born 1 Dec. 1841 on Middle Ridge, Perry County, Pennsylvania.

WATSON was serving on a cemetery board in 1863 (36, 1130). In Sept. 1864 he enlisted as a private in Company G, 208th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and he served in the Civil War until June 1865 (36,404). His daughter's obituary says that he was a carpenter and at one time was superintendant of the Newport Planing Mill (205a, 18 Apr. 1935).

WATSON must have died before 1870, because the census for that year shows MARGARET living in the home of MARIAH BOYD in Juniata Township, Perry County (p 2). She is listed as a housekeeper, and also listed are her two children, FRANCIS, 4, and CARRIE, 1½. The 1880 census shows her liv-

ing in the same township in her household with the three children listed below, aged 14, 11 and 6. In 1886 she petitioned the court on behalf of her children "that they are the children of Watson L. Gantt, late of Newport and due an inheritance under the will of Jacob Gantt, their grandfather, late of Lockport, New York" (218,G142½). The 1900 census shows her living on Oliver Street in Newport, with her daughter, CARRIE (Sheet A1). MARGARET died 17 June 1921 and is buried in Newport Cemetery (206 & 205, 21 June 1921).

The children of WATSON and MARGARET (KOUGH) GANTT were:

i. FRANK R., b ca 1866, living in Alameda CA in 1921.

ii. CARRIE A., b 27 Dec. 1868, d 14 Apr. 1935, Newport (205a, 18 Apr. 1935).

iii. PERCY, b ca 1875, living in Ilion NY in 1921.

36. ADELENA MARANTHA[8] GANTT (*Daniel*[7], *Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the daughter of DANIEL and NANCY (FULTON) GANTT (Family 29). She was born 1 June 1846 in New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pennsylvania. She was always called LENA.

In the spring of 1857, she moved with her family to Nebraska. They arrived by boat at Omaha on 13 May. They built a home in Saratoga, about two miles north of Omaha. On 15 Oct. 1857 LENA's mother died, and her father took his five small children back to Perry County, Pennsylvania. The next spring DANIEL remarried and returned to Nebraska, taking his youngest son, AMOS, with him, but he left his four older children in Pennsylvania with relatives. The 1860 census shows that LENA was living in Centre Township, Perry County (p 26) with her cousin, JOHN WESLEY GANTT, and his family. Her older sister, AMANDA, and her brother, T. FULTON, were living on nearby farms with other cousins. Her sister ALICE was living in Petersburg (now Duncannon). LENA kept some of the letters that her father wrote to her during these years (191). He admonished the children to be good, to study, and to be patient because he was trying hard to acquire the means for getting them back to Omaha. AMANDA, LENA's older sister, died in 1860. The death of her mother and her older sister must have been a great loss to LENA.

In November 1863 DANIEL sent the money for LENA and T. FULTON to return to Omaha. His letter is full of instructions about the trip (191, #20). The children arrived safely, and both continued their schooling. LENA attended Brownell Hall in Saratoga, an Episcopalian College, and the first sectarian school to be established in the state. She probably went to school two or three years and then taught in Factoryville, a small town near Union, Cass County, which no longer exists. While teaching school she met JOHN CHALFANT, a young farmer who had bought a farm four miles north and one-half mile east of Union.

JOHN was born 9 Oct. 1838 in Jefferson, Greene County, Pennsylvania, the son of JAMES MADISON and NANCY (KETCHUM) CHALFANT. He had come to Nebraska in 1857 with his parents. They lived near him in Rock Bluffs precinct. JOHN and LENA were married on 19 April 1868 in Omaha by Rev. T. B. Lemon (196). They lived on their farm for the next fifty years. The 1870 census shows them in Liberty Precinct, Cass County, with one daughter, ALICE (p 34). The 1880 census shows them in the same place with the first four children listed below (p 1). The 1900 census shows them in the same place with the last two children listed below (Sheet 8).

In 1918 JOHN and LENA retired. They rented their farm and planned to visit their children in Wyoming and South Dakota. On 15 April 1918, while they were preparing to leave, JOHN died. He is buried in East Union Cemetery. After his death LENA went to Wyoming and spent about a year visiting her children. ALICE, HUGH and DAN lived on ranches near Jayem, between Torrington and Lusk. NELL lived in Spearfish, and HATTIE lived in Belle Fouche, South Dakota. LENA returned to Union and lived with her youngest son, JACK, and his family in Union. In the winter of 1919 she became ill and she died on 3 December. She is buried beside her husband in East Union Cemetery.

LENA was a small, delicate woman with a friendly, outgoing personality. She liked to travel, and made friends every place she went. She was active in the temperance movement, gave speeches and attended WCTU conventions She visited her sister ALICE in Washington DC, and her many friends and relatives in Perry County, Pennsylvania. She went to Wyoming several times, and took out a homestead there for herself. She was hospitable and liked to have company in her house. JOHN, who never traveled, grumbled in his quiet way about having to feed so many people. LENA wrote many letters, and would often let her housework go undone while she visited with friends and guests. She had a good mind and a gentle dignity.

The children of JOHN and LENA (GANTT) CHALFANT, all born on their farm in Cass County, Nebraska, were:

i. ALICE, b 22 May 1869, m 4 Mar. 1891 WESLEY WOLFE, lived on ranch near Jayem WY, d 14 Sept. 1945. Their children: JOHN WESLEY and ROBERT.

ii. NELL, b 2 Sept. 1871, m 8 SEPT. 1903 WILLIAM J. JOHNSTON, lived in Spearfish SD, d 24 Apr. 1955. Their children: LETITIA CUNDY, PHILIP, LOUISE and JOSEPHINE ENSOR.

iii. DANIEL GANTT, b 13 May 1874, m 16 Sept. 1916 BERTHA AUSTIN, d 14 Dec. 1950, had no children.

iv. HARRIET, (called HATTIE), b 2 Mar. 1876, m (1) 19 April 1899 ERNEST CROUCH (2) GEORGE NICHOLLS, d 4 Sept. 1960 in Sioux Falls SD. Her children: EDWIN CROUCH, ALICE CROUCH, DAN CROUCH and SARAH NICHOLLS.

v. HUGH EVANS., b 23 Oct. 1882, d Aug. 1937 on his ranch near Jayem WY, br in East Union Cemetery, Cass County, NB, unm.

vi. JOHN MAC (called JACK), b 30 Oct. 1886, m 8 June 1910 MINNIE SHOEMAKER, lived in Burlington CO, d 12 Aug. 1973. Their children: ALICE SHANGLE, MARY ORMSBEE, IRENE WILCOX, MARGARET KETCHAM, JOHN MATTHEW, BETTY JANE FARWELL, LUCILLE DAVIS and DANNY MAC.

37. THOMPSON FULTON[8] GANTT (*Daniel*[7], *Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of DANIEL and AGNES (FULTON) GANTT (Family 29). He was born 31 Jan. 1848 in New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pennsylvania. He moved with his parents to Nebraska in 1857, and after his mother's death on 15 Oct. 1857, he returned to Pennsylvania. The next spring his father remarried and returned to Omaha but left the four older children in Perry County with relatives (189). In the 1860 census T. FULTON is listed in the household of WILLIAM SCHOCK, a miller, in Perry County, Centre Township (p 38). The SCHOCK household is listed next to the household of JOSEPH GANTT III, an uncle to T. FULTON. It is likely that JOSEPH was acting as guardian to his nephew and had apprenticed him to the miller.

In 1863 T. FULTON and his sister LENA returned to Omaha (191). He was 15 years old, and he probably continued his schooling for two years. In 1865 he started to work at a

variety of jobs, and in 1887 he was in North Platte, Nebraska working as a machinist for the Union Pacific Railroad. North Platte was a new railroad town at that time, and his diary relates a story about an Indian raid and a brawl that ended in a murder (232). He returned to Omaha, but in 1868 he was again in North Platte, which had settled down to a quiet population of about 300. He took a job as school teacher in the new log cabin school. Sometime during these years he read law with his father, for in 1870 he was admitted to the bar (50,810). In 1874 he was practicing law in North Platte and was also editor and publisher of a newspaper, *The Western Nebraskan*. According to a letter he wrote in 1874 he was active in the Labor Reform party (227).

In 1878 T. FULTON was practicing law in Deadwood, South Dakota. He was called to Nebraska City for his father's funeral, and when he returned he discovered that his law partner had absconded with the money from an estate they were settling. It took all of his savings, as well as the proceeds from the sale of his father's law library, to make up the deficit (227).

In 1882 or 1883 T. FULTON went to Washington D. C., where he lived with his sister, MARY ALICE (GANTT) ROHRBACK, in Falls Church, Virginia. He became very active in a new organization, the Knights of Labor. His many years of working with laborers had made him very sympathetic to the injustices faced by working men in an expanding industrial society. He spoke at organization assemblies and protested the arrest and jailing of workers seeking to improve their conditions. He also wrote a novel, *Breaking the Chains*, which incorporated the principles of the Knights of Labor.

On 4 April 1885 he married in New York City, EDITH LANGDON GRUMAN, the daughter of CHOLWELL J. and SARAH JANE (DOTY) GRUMAN. She was born 24 Jan. 1863 in Norwalk, Connecticut, the daughter of a once wealthy merchant in Norwalk. For some unknown reason, T. FULTON decided to return to North Platte. In 1888 he took his wife and baby son to Nebraska on the train.

In North Platte he opened a law office and continued to recruit members for the Knights and to speak at their Assemblies. The depression of 1893 created hard times for the railroad employees, and he often did legal work for little or nothing. He was offered a job as claim agent for the Union Pacific at the "then princely sum of $25,000 a year. Since the job meant rushing to an accident to try to persuade the victim to settle for as little as possible, he declined." (231).

In 1896 he ran for the House of Representatives on the Populist ticket and was defeated. "Probably discouraged by the election, plus the defeat of other Populists and the decline of the Knights of Labor, Gantt bought a choice 40 acre piece of land a few miles from town." (231). He hoped to turn it into a self-sufficient retreat but became ill and died on 24 Aug. 1897 (227).

His widow, who was ill-prepared for such responsibilities, managed to raise and educate her five children. She died on 23 April 1954 in Grand Island and is buried beside her husband in North Platte.

The children of T. FULTON and EDITH (GRUMAN) GANTT were:

41. i. PAUL GRUMAN, b 26 Apr. 1886 in Falls Church VA., m BESSIE SHIRLEY.

ii. EILEEN, b 4 Nov. 1888 in North Platte NB, m ROBERT LEROY COCHRAN, who became governor of NB. She is living in Lincoln NB. Their children: MARY EILEEN GRIMES and ROBERT LEROY COCHRAN.

iii. EDITH, b 9 Nov. 1890, d 3 Oct. 1978 in Grand Island NB, unm.

iv. ROBERT FULTON, b May 1893, in North Platte, m 1919 MARGARET SAWYER. Their children: EUGENE GANTT and F. ABNER GANTT.

v. SYBIL, b 22 July 1896 in North Platte, m 15 Sept. 1920 HOWARD YOST, d 3 Feb. 1978. Their children: PHYLLIS GANTT STILLWELL, JOHN GANTT YOST, and HOWARD FULTON YOST.

38. AMOS EVANS[8] GANTT *(Daniel[7], Joseph[6], Joseph[5], Hannaniah[4], Daniel[3], Hannaniah[2], Peter[1])* was the son of DANIEL and AGNES (FULTON) GANTT (Family 29). He was born 4 Oct. 1853 in New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pennsylvania. He moved to Nebraska with his parents in 1857. After his mother's death in the fall of that year, he returned to Pennsylvania with his father. The next year his father remarried, and AMOS EVANS returned to Nebraska with his father and his step-mother. He attended public schools in Omaha and Nebraska City, after which he went to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He studied law with his father and was admitted to the bar in 1874 (50,810).

The 1860 census of Nebraska Territory, Douglas County, 2nd Ward of Omaha shows him as six years of age, living with his parents (p 27). The 1870 census of Nebraska, Otoe County, Nebraska City shows him as sixteen years of age, living with his parents (p 33).

On 5 April 1876 he married (1) EMMA MILLER, the daughter of LUCRETIA T. CRANE-MILLER. She was born 8 Apr. 1856 in New York. From 1876 to 1879 he published a paper in North Platte. In 1879 he settled in Falls City, Nebraska, and practiced law there for the remainder of his life. The 1800 census for Richardson County, Falls City shows him and his wife, EMMA, with the first two children listed below (p 30). In 1891 and 1892 AMOS served as District Attorney (50,810). EMMA (MILLER) GANTT died 3 Oct. 1895 in Falls City.

On 4 Oct. 1899 AMOS married (2) PHOEBE M. UNLAND-HAYS. The 1900 census shows him in Richardson County, Falls City, with his wife, PHOEBE, the four children listed below, and three other children, EMMA, EDWARD and GRACE HAYS, who were the children of his wife's first marriage. (Sheet 6B). AMOS died on 14 March 1914 in Falls City. He wrote the letter containing the family history, which he said was compiled by his great uncle AMOS EVANS of New Jersey (189). We are indebted to AMOS for preserving this valuable information.

The children of AMOS EVANS and EMMA (MILLER) GANTT were:

i. DANIEL FULTON, b 19 Mar. 1877, m EDNA MILLHOUSE, d 18 June 1907. Had one son: AMOS CHARLES GANTT.

ii. ZADIE ALICE, b 17 Feb. 1879, m FRANK NORRIS. Their children: BEN, LUCRETIA, ALICE, ROBERT and FRANK FULTON NORRIS.

iii. ROBERT ANDERSON, b 15 Sept. 1881, m ZOLA DELEKER. Had one daughter: NANCY GANTT.

iv. EMMA GRACE, b 18 Oct. 1883, m CHARLES W. THOMAS. She was a trained nurse. Their children: JOHN CHARLES, MARTHA and MARGARET THOMAS.

The only child of AMOS EVANS and PHOEBE (UNLAND-HAYS) GANTT was:

v. RAY UNLAND, b 9 May 1901, m BERNICE MISSION.

# CHAPTER IX

## THE NINTH GENERATION

39. JOHN M.[9] GANTT *(Isaiah[8], Joseph[7], Joseph[6], Joseph[5], Hannaniah[4], Daniel[3], Hannaniah[2], Peter[1])* was the son of ISAIAH M. and MARGARET (McKEEHAN) GANTT (Family 31). He was born March 1872 in Centre Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania.

About 1897 he married NEVA E. GRUBE, the daughter of JOHN and SARAH E. GRUBE. She was born May 1873. JOHN M. was a farmer and a schoolteacher (226). The 1900 census shows him living in Perry County, Centre Township, with his wife and the first two children listed below (Sheet 5B).

JOHN and NEVA both died in 1947 and are buried in the Newport Cemetery (206).

The children of JOHN M. and NEVA (GRUBE) GANTT were (226 & 229):

i. BRUCE, b 20 Feb. 1897, m ELIZABETH PATTON. He worked on railroad, now lives in Shiremanstown, Cumberland County PA. Their children: BASIL, ROBERT, DORIS and ELEANOR .

ii. ELIZABETH, b 10 Aug. 1899, m JOE DARLINGTON, d 5 Dec. 1977, br in New Bloomfield Cemetery.

iii. EUGENE, b 18 Sept. 1901, worked on railroad, was killed by fall off of train Dec. 1926, br in Newport Cemetery.

iv. BASIL, b 16 Oct. 1904, m 27 July 1939 CARRIE FOSSELMAN. She was b 13 Feb. 1910 in Wila PA. BASIL was a dairy farmer on Little Buffalo Creek, his land being a part of the original farm of JOSEPH II. It was taken by the state to make *Little Buffalo State Park*. BASIL is retired. At the time this is written he and his wife live on Middle Ridge Road west of Newport, adjacent to the *Old Stone Church* cemetery where his ancestors are buried. Their children are: NEVA JANE RICHARD, and TERRY LEE GANTT.

v. DANA, b 12 Jan. 1908, m GRACE DUNKELBURGER, was a teacher in a one room school, later taught in Millerstown high school, now retired and living in Millerstown. Their children: DANA EUGENE and LORETTA SWARTZ.

vi. EDWARD, b 11 Jan. 1912, m DOROTHY KNISLEY, was a farmer. Their children: MARY, CARL, JOHN and DAVID.

40. DAVID A.[9] GANTT *(Jesse[8], David[7], Joseph[6], Joseph[5], Hannaniah[4], Daniel[3], Hannaniah[2], Peter[1])* was the son of JESSE and MARY ANN (GANTT) GANTT (Family 32). He was born 9 Feb. 1864 (60,208). The 1860 census shows him living in Centre Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania, aged seven years, with his mother, a sister, and a brother (p 10).

On 12 June 1891 he married MARY NAOMI BAKER, the daughter of JAMES and JENNIE (FRY) BAKER of Tuscorora Township. She was born 3 March 1870. The marriage took place at Elliottsburg, and was performed by Rev. H. T. Searle of the Evangelical Church (204, 30 Oct. 1923).

The 1900 census shows the family living in Centre Township, Perry County, with the first five children listed below (Sheet 8A). Also living with them was his mother, MARY ANN GANTT. MARY NAOMI died 18 Sept. 1923. DAVID A. died in 1934. Both are buried in Newport Cemetery (206).

The children of DAVID A. and MARY NAOMI (BAKER) GANTT were (60,208):

i. MARY E., b 15 Jan. 1893, m WILLIAM FLICKINGER, lived in Loysville PA.

ii. LLOYD WALTER, b 17 Feb. 1894, m 23 Dec. 1920 ALICE RANGE, lived near Mannsville PA.

iii. SANFORD V., b 27 Sept. 1895, m MARIE HENCH, lived in Donnally Mills PA.

iv. JESSE McKINLEY, b 10 Mar. 1897, m ROSSALENE BAKER. He d 1960, she d 1971 (206).

v. OLIVE J., b 10 Dec. 1898, lived in New York City.

vi. ARIEL C., b 18 Oct. 1900, lived in New York City.

vii. HAZEL Z., b 20 Mar. 1902, d 13 Oct. 1902 (206).

viii. ETHLYN R., b 17 Aug. 1903, lived in New York City.

ix. JAMES LESTER, b 10 Jan. 1908.

x. SHERIDAN LAVERNE, b 26 May 1913.

41. PAUL GRUMAN[9] GANTT (*T.Fulton*[8], *Daniel*[7], *Joseph*[6], *Joseph*[5], *Hannaniah*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Hannaniah*[2], *Peter*[1]) was the son of T. FULTON and EDITH LANGDON (GRUMAN) GANTT (Family 37). He was born 3 May 1887 in Falls Church, Virginia.

His parents moved to North Platte, Nebraska when he was a small child, and he grew up there. He was eleven years old when his father died. On 27 Jan. 1917 in Lincoln, Nebraska he married BESSIE ELIZABETH SHIRLEY (called BETH), the daughter of GEORGE IRWIN and MARTHA (ROOT) SHIRLEY. She was born 11 Sept. 1889 in Weeping Water, Nebraska. The family lived in North Platte, where PAUL worked for the Union Pacific Railroad. BETH died 7 July 1951, and PAUL died 22 July 1959. Both are buried in North Platte.

The children of PAUL GRUMAN and BESSIE ELIZABETH (SHIRLEY) GANTT, all born in North Platte, were (227):

i. FULTON SHIRLEY, b 4 Aug. 1917, m 1941 in Crete NB JEAN VIVIAN LOVELL. They have one daughter, SUE ANN GOODEN.

ii. ELIZABETH JANE, b 26 June 1919, m 22 Oct. 1942 HOWARD C. GRIFFITH, d 24 Nov. 1951. They had one son, LARRY GRIFFITH, who d the same time as his mother, in an automobile accident.

iii. PAUL ROLAND, b 9 Nov. 1921, m 25 May 1946 EMMA VIOLA RICO in Santa Ana CA. Their children: PHILIP ROLAND, CORINNE JOY YARROW, and DOREEN PAULA GANTT.

iv. IRIS EVA, b 23 Mar. 1927, m (1) JOHN EMERICK, divorced, m (2) 9 Mar. 1973 in Irvington NY WALTER SELNACK. They have no children.

# CHAPTER X

## RELATED FAMILIES

### THE BUTLER FAMILY.

1. THOMAS BUTLER
   b
   d 1689, Sandwich MA

   DOROTHY _____
   b
   d 9 Aug. 1675, Sandwich MA

2. DOROTHY BUTLER
   b 28 Jan. 1650, Sandwich
   d before 1720, Burlington County NJ

   HANNANIAH GAUNT

   See GAUNT Family #4.

1. THOMAS BUTLER is listed with the early residents of Sandwich as a landowner, probably going there from Ducksborrow (20 & 41,2:321). He was an early convert to the Society of Friends in 1656, and his name is in several court records as he and his friends were arrested for failing to attend the established church or for harboring Quaker missionaries.

On 10 May 1678 THOMAS was a witness at the wedding of his daughter, DOROTHY, to HANNANIAH GAUNT. Appended to the copy of the marriage certificate appears the following, "I, Thomas Butler of Sandwich due freely give my consent and do hereby give my daughter Dorothy Butler to Hananiah Gaunt to wife. Witness my marke Thomas X Butler." His wife, DOROTHY, had died three years previously (214).

The last record of THOMAS is as a witness to the marriage of his granddaughter, MEHITABLE BUTLER, to ELISHA WING on 12 Mar. 1689. No probate or death records have been found for him (20).

The children of THOMAS and DOROTHY (___) BUTLER were (4,53):

i. DANIEL, b ca 1642, m 8 Apr. 1665 at Sandwich ELIZABETH HOUSE. He inherited some of his father's land, and probably lived in Falmouth. His will was filed for probate 10 Jan. 1717 in Barnstable County.

ii. PRUDENCE, b ca 1644, m 22 June 1666 (as his second wife) ROBERT HARPER.

iii. OBEDIAH, b ca 1646. No records of him in Plymouth Colony, may have lived in another Quaker settlement.

iv. PATIENCE, b 14 Aug. 1648 at Sandwich, m 5 Mar.1676 SAMUEL GIBBS, had five children.

2. v. DOROTHY, b 28 Jan. 1650 in Sandwich, m 10 May, 1678 HANNANIAH GAUNT. See GAUNT Family #4.

## THE FULTON FAMILY.

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| 1. _____ FULTON<br>b ca 1710<br>d | MARY SMITH<br>b ca 1702, Ireland<br>d |
| 2. BENJAMIN FULTON<br>b ca 1730<br>d ca 1810 | ELIZABETH _____<br>b<br>d |
| 3. ROBERT FULTON<br>b 18 Nov. 1774<br>d 15 Aug. 1827 | DEBORAH THOMPSON<br>b 18 Sept. 1778, Ireland<br>d 2 Feb. 1843, Perry Co. PA |
| 4. AGNES THOMPSON (NANCY) FULTON<br>b 24 Jan. 1818, Cumberland Co. PA<br>d 15 Oct. 1857, Omaha, NB Territory | DANIEL GANTT<br>See GANTT Family #48 |

1. There are contradictions in the records concerning the first Fulton of this line. One source says that he was JOHN, born 1713 in Scotland, who emigrated to America in 1753 and had a son ROBERT, who married MARY SMITH. Their son was said to be ROBERT FULTON, the inventor (43).

Another source says that it was ALEXANDER FULTON, and that he married MARY SMITH, who came to America in 1720 with her brother. They were living in Little Britain Twp. in 1743 and were the parents of ROBERT FULTON, SR., who was the father of ROBERT FULTON, the inventor (94,3:369 & 37,851).

Another source says that it was WILLIAM FULTON, who married (1) MARY SMITH and (2) JANE DENNY. He was born in Ireland, and died in America in 1741. He had two sons, ROBERT, the father of ROBERT the inventor, and BENJAMIN, who married ELIZABETH _____. (89, S2,1:25 & 199).

The evidence available does not lead to a conclusion, so this point is left unresolved. There does seem to be an agreement that MARY SMITH married a FULTON, was the mother of ROBERT FULTON, SR. and the grandmother of ROBERT FUL-

TON, the inventor. Some of the sources name other sons in addition to ROBERT, SR.

The children of (JOHN, ALEXANDER or WILLIAM) and MARY (SMITH) FULTON were:

i. ROBERT, SR., b 1730, m 1759 MARY SMITH. She was b 1734 to JOSEPH and ISABEL SMITH. (See Smith Family.) Their son was ROBERT FULTON, the inventor, who m HARRIET LIVINGSTON and had four children.

2. ii. BENJAMIN, b 1771 ELIZABETH ____.

2. BENJAMIN FULTON was the son of WILLIAM (or JOHN or ALEXANDER) and MARY (SMITH) FULTON. He was probably born in the 1730's in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. In 1771 he is listed as a freeman in Lancaster County, Paxtang Township, Easter Town (89, S3,17:39). On 5 Nov. 1771 in the Paxtang Presbyterian Church,he married ELIZABETH _____ (65,668). In 1781 he was listed in the return of males between 18 and 53 in Lancaster County (89, S5,7:939). In 1782 he was listed as an inmate in Lancaster County, Hanover Twp. (89, S3,17:695). The 1790 census shows him living in Dauphin County, with two males over sixteen years of age, and four females (p 91). In 1802 he was listed on the tax list for Cumberland County, Rye Township (149). This is almost directly across the Susquehanna River from his former location.

BENJAMIN and his wife, ELIZABETH, are buried in Duncannon Cemetery. There are no dates on their tombstones (216). On the same tombstone is the name of NANCY FULTON THOMPSON, their daughter, who died in 1844.

The children of BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH (____) FULTON were (198):

3. i. ROBERT, b 18 Nov. 1774, m 31 Dec. 1799 DEBORAH THOMPSON.

ii. SARAH, m ALEXANDER McCOY (1776-1809). Their children were ELIJAH m PEGGY BARNET, and ROBERT m NANCY KIRKPATRICK.

iii. ELIZABETH, b Aug. 1782, m 10 Dec. 1811 JNO. BRADY (1791-1829), d May 1834. Both are br in Duncannon Cemetery. Their son was R. C. BRADY.

iv. NANCY, b 29 Nov. 1781, m 25 June 1803 ROBERT THOMPSON, d 30 Oct. 1844. See Thompson Family #2.

3. ROBERT FULTON was the son of BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH (____) FULTON. He was born 18 Nov. 1774 (199), probably in Paxtang Township, Lancaster County PA. On 31 Dec. 1799 he married DEBORAH THOMPSON, the daughter of WILLIAM and DEBORAH (HIGGINSON) THOMPSON. She was born 18 Sept. 1778 (199) in Ireland. ROBERT's sister, NANCY, married DEBORAH's brother, ROBERT THOMPSON (See THOMPSON Family).

On 2 Oct. 1801 ROBERT FULTON and ROBERT THOMPSON of Rye Township bought Lot 7 in Petersburg, now Duncannon (143,373). On 20 May 1804 ROBERT FULTON bought Lot 31 in Petersburg (143,473). In 1805 ROBERT was on the tax list for Cumberland County, Rye Township (149). In 1810 he was living in the same place (1810 census, p 85) with his wife and three daughters, next to ROBERT THOMPSON. On 2 April 1812 FULTON sold Lot 31 to ROBERT THOMPSON (145,458). In 1823 FULTON was on a tax list for Perry County, Rye Township (230). [Perry County was formed in 1820, so they were probably living in the same location.] ROBERT and DEBORAH were members of the Duncannon Presbyterian Church from 1820 to 1827 (210).

ROBERT died 15 Aug. 1827. The only document filed in Perry County probate records is an inventory of his estate, which totaled $81.61 (218, F1).

DEBORAH was living in Perry County, Buffalo Township in 1830 with four daughters and one son (1830 census, p 314). She was listed next to her brother, ROBERT THOMPSON. In 1838 she was on a tax list as a storekeeper (230). From the letters that she and her daughters wrote to each other, it is likely that she was managing a store on the Island of Benvenue, one of the busy ports for river traffic (192). In 1841 she and her three youngest daughters and her one son moved to Shirleysburg, Huntington County. Her son was apprenticed to a carpenter. Her daughters, MARY ANN and DEBORAH, had a millinery shop, and Nancy taught school. In 1846 they were in Millerstown, where her daughter, JANE PATTERSON, lived. They were received into the Presbyterian Church there (211). The 1850 census shows her living in Oliver Township with her son, ROBERT THOMPSON FULTON, her daughter, MARY ANN FULTON, her married daughter, DEBORAH ATHERTON, and her granddaughter, MARY ANN ATHERSON (p 504). She died 2 Feb. 1854 (193, 24).

The children of ROBERT and DEBORAH (THOMPSON) FULTON were (199):

i. ELIZABETH, b 29 Dec. 1800, m ca 1826 HENRY Mc CRACKEN, d 31 Jan. 1855. They lived in Stone Valley, Huntington County. Their children:
   a. LUCY ANN, b ca 1826, m ____ SILKNETTER.
   b. ROBERT, b ca 1828, m ____ BEISTLINE from Newport PA, lived in IA.
   c. JOHN HENRY, m _____ LOWER, lived in IA.
   d. THOMPSON.
   e. CALVIN, b ca 1839, m EMMALINE PATTERSON, his cousin (see 5b).
   f. HARRISON, b ca 1843, m KATE ____.
   g. ADELINE, m WESLEY STEVENS.

ii. MARY ANN, b 18 Oct. 1802, d 1805.

iii. ROBERT, b 6 Dec. 1804, d 31 May 1805.

iv. SARAH, b 27 Aug. 1806, m ca 1840 MATTHEW LOUDEN (1794-1855), d 29 July 1857. They went to Missouri about 1840, returned to Perry County about 1845 (192). The 1850 census shows them in Perry County, Oliver Township (p 1021). Their children were:
   a. DEBORAH, b 20 Oct. 1841, m ____ TAYLOR.
   b. MARGARET, b 29 June 1844, m DAVID STEPHENS.
   c. JANE ANNA, b ca 1845, m ____ KIPP.
   d. MARGERY, b Nov. 1847, m ALLEN HETRICK.

v. JANE, b 28 Oct. 1809, m 30 May 1836 JOHN PATTERSON, son of WILLIAM & ELIZABETH (GRAHAM) PATTERSON (211), d 11 Feb. 1866. They lived in Perry County, Howe Township, three miles south of Millerstown (1860 census p 13, 1870 census p 5). Their children were (199):
   a. HENRIETTA, b 1837.
   b. EMMALINE, b 1838, m CALVIN McCRACKEN, her cousin (See 1e), d 1869.
   c. AUGUSTUS, b ca 1839, d young.
   d. ANNA MARIE, b ca 1841, d 20 July 1842.
   e. LAVINA, b 1843, d 1922.
   f. SARAH, b ca 1845.
   g. AMELIA, b 1847, m Z. T. HILBUSH, d 1930.
   h. JAMES CHALMERS, b 1849.
   i. HENRY RUSSELL, b 1851, d 1924, had daughter, JANE ROTHROCK PATTERSON, b 9 Sept. 1901 in Harrisburg PA, m 8 Oct. 1949 WALTER S. TYRREL, is now living in Lusk WY. She furnished much of the information on the FULTON Family.
   j. LAURA, b 1856, m 1875 JAMES FERGUSON, d 1943, had daughter, MABEL FERGUSON.

vi. MARY ANN, b 8 Sept. 1812, lived with her mother until her mother died in 1854. The 1860 census shows her living in Duncannon, Perry County, with two nieces, MARY ANN ATHERTON and MARY ALICE GANTT. In 1873 she transferred her membership in the Duncannon Presbyterian Church to one in Harrisburg (210a). She d 9 Mar. 1891 in Harrisburg at the home of her niece, MARY ANN (ATHERTON) GEARY (205, 25 Mar.1891). Br in Duncannon Presbyterian Cemetery (208).

vii. DEBORAH, b 7 Dec. 1815, m ca 1843 BALDWIN ATHERTON, d 5 Nov. 1850, br in Duncannon Cemetery. Their children were:
   a. BAXTER, b ca 1844, d young.
   b. FRANCIS, b 1844, d 1849, br Duncannon Cem.
   c. MARY ANN, b 10 Apr. 1846, m (1) __MARSHALL, (2) E.L.GEARY, d 2 July 1894.
   d. JOHN, b & d 1850, br in Duncannon Cem.

4. viii. AGNES THOMPSON (NANCY), b 24 Jan. 1818, m 14 Nov. 1843 DANIEL GANTT, son of JOSEPH and MARY (LOBAUGH) GANTT, d 15 Oct. 1857. See GANTT #48.

ix. ROBERT THOMPSON, b 5 Mar. 1823, m KATE HOWE, d 11 Jan. 1862. In 1840 to 1845 he was in Shirleysburg, Huntington County with his mother and sisters, and was a carpenter's apprentice. 1850 census shows him in Perry County, Oliver Township, with his mother and two sisters (p 504). The 1860 census shows him in same place with a wife and son (p 13). Also living with them was a niece, ANN LOUDEN, and a sister-in-law, PRISCILLA HOWE. ROBERT d before 1870, and his widow was living in Newport Borough with her two sons (p 18). Their children were:

   a. ORVILLE, b ca 1859.
   b. ELMER, b Mar. 1861, m 1892 ELSIE E. _____, lived in Newport.
   c. EFFIE.

## THE LOBAUGH FAMILY.[1]

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| 1. PETER LOBAUGH<br>b ca 1720<br>d 11 Nov. 1785, Berks Co. PA | HELEN PALLIO<br>b<br>d 14 June 1764 |
| 2. DANIEL LOBAUGH<br>b 6 Oct. 1748<br>d | _____<br>b<br>d |
| 3. MARY LOBAUGH<br>b 28 Aug. 1775<br>d 17 May 1850, Perry Co. PA | JOSEPH GAUNT<br>See GANTT Family #26 |

1. The first of this line to come to America was probably PETER LOGAUGH, born about 1720 in Germany. The name of his father is not known, but his mother married (2) WILLIAM POTT, and the family came to America about 1735 to 1740. PETER married (1) HELEN PALLIO, a French woman, who died 14 June 1764. He married (2) SUSANNAH BETZ, a widow. PETER died 11 Nov. 1785 in Lobachsville, Pike Township (formerly Rockland Township), Berks County, Pennsylvania.

The children of PETER and HELENA (PALLIO) LOBAUGH were:

i. PETER, b 27 Dec. 1744, went to Northampton County PA. His descendants still spell the name "Laubach."

ii. ABRAHAM, b 6 Feb. 1746, went to York (now Adams) County PA.

iii. JOHN, b 26 June 1747, m JULIA ANN HOFFMAN.

2. iv. DANIEL, b 6 Oct. 1748.

v. SAMUEL, b 21 Jan. 1750, m 1785 MAGDALEN SCHULTZ, lived on family farm.

vi. ANDREW, b 30 Nov. 1751, m EVE KNISELY, moved to York (now Adams) County, Latimore Township, had eight children.

vii. MARIA, b 15 Oct. 1753, m JOSEPH SIGREID, lived in Northampton County PA.

viii. SUSANNAH, b 5 Sept. 1755, m ADAM REEDER, lived in Northampton County PA, had three children.

ix. ESTHER, b 30 Sept. 1757, m CASPER MILLTER, lived in Lehigh County PA, had four children.

x. REBECCA, b 11 April 1759, m NICHOLAS HEIST, lived and died in Berks County PA, had no children.

xi. MAGDELA, b 20 Nov. 1760, m CHRISTIAN WEISER, lived in Oley Township, Berks County PA, had two children.

xii. DAVID, b 7 Aug. 1762, d young.

2. DANIEL LOBAUBH was the son of PETER and HELENA (PALLIO) LOBAUGH. He was born 6 Oct. 1748, probably in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

"One of his daughters married a Mr. Gantt (formerly spelled Gaunt), and lived and died, after raising a large family, on Middle Ridge, three miles west of Newport, in Perry County, Pennsylvania. She died in 1840."

[i]All information about this family was given to me by Guy Fletcher, Washington KS 66968. He said that it was compiled by his wife's cousin, who was a grandson of ANDREW #vi above.

## THE RIDGEWAY FAMILY.

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| 1. RICHARD RIDGEWAY<br>b 1648/9, England<br>d 1723, Burlington Co.NJ | ELIZABETH CHAMBERLAIN<br>b 1654, England<br>d 1 Mar. 1692, Crewcorn, Bucks Co. PA. |
| 2. THOMAS RIDGEWAY, SR.<br>b 25 May 1677, England<br>d 15 Dec. 1724/5, Little Egg Harbor NJ | ANN PHARO<br>b 14 Dec. 1677/8<br>d ca 1710, Little Egg Harbor NJ |
| 3. ANN RIDGEWAY<br>b 8 Oct. 1710<br>d 2 June 1794 | HANNANIAH GAUNT II<br>See GAUNT Family #7 |

1. RICHARD RIDGWAY I was born 1648/9 in England. About 1676 he married ELIZABETH CHAMBERLAIN, the daughter of ROBERT and ELIZABETH (____) CHAMBERLAIN. She was born in 1654 in England.

On 12th day, 7th month, 1679, on the ship *Jacob and Mary,* RICHARD came to America with his wife and his son, THOMAS. His first house was near the Delaware River Falls on the Pennsylvania shore. In 1681 he moved upstream about two miles. In 1686 he was granted a license to keep an "ordinary" called *Crown Inn* (19,10-15). In 1690 he bought his first land in Middlesex County of West Jersey. The deed says that he was a tailor, late of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, now of New Jersey, and that he bought from DANIEL COXE of London six hundred acres near Stony Brook in West Jersey, along the East Jersey Line (83,21:450). In 1697/8 he bought another six hundred acres at Mattacopeny in Burlington County (83,31:502). Later in the same year he bought ninety acres on Birch Creek, below Mattacopany bridge in Springfield Township, Burlington County (83,2:519). In January 1699/1700 he sold one hundred ninety acres of his land to his son, THOMAS (83,21:500).

ELIZABETH died 31 March 1692 in Crewcorn, Bucks County Pennsylvania. RICHARD married (2) on 31 March 1693 ABIGAIL STOCKTON, the daughter of RICHARD and ABIGAIL (_____) STOCKTON. She was born 1670 (19).

RICHARD was a Quaker and gave the land for the meeting house and the burial ground known as "Old Springfield." He died in 1723. His will was dated 21 Sept. 1722 and was

probated 5 April 1723. His second wife, ABIGAIL, died in 1726 (19).

The children of RICHARD and ELIZABETH (CHAMBERLAIN) RIDGWAY were:

2. i. THOMAS, b 25 May 1677 in England.

ii. RICHARD, b 27 Feb. 1680, m (1) MARY WILLETS, (2) MARY CRISPIN, d 1719.

iii. ELIZABETH, b 17 Dec. 1682, m RICHARD WILLETS.

iv. WILLIAM, b 27 Sept. 1685, d 11 Sept. 1688.

v. SARAH, b 14 Oct. 1687, d 1 Sept. 1688.

vi. JOSEPH, d in infancy.

vii. JOSIAH, b 6 July 1690, m SARAH ____, d 1763.

RICHARD had seven children by his second wife, ABIGAIL. They were JOB, ABIGAIL, JOHN, MARY, JANE, SARAH and JOSEPH.

2. THOMAS RIDGWAY, the son of RICHARD and ELIZABETH (CHAMBERLAIN) RIDGWAY, was born 25 May 1677 in England. He came to America with his parents in 1679. On 6 Sept. 1699 in New Jersey he married (1) ANN PHARO, the daughter of JAMES PHARO, who came to America on the ship *Shield*. ANN was born on 14 Dec. 1677/8, and she died about 1710 (19,16). THOMAS married (2) on 6 Nov. 1712 ELIZABETH ANDREWS, the daughter of EDWARD and SARAH (ONG) ANDREWS. She was born 4 Oct. 1694 (19,16).

On 30 May 1700 THOMAS sold the one hundred and ninety acres of land that he had bought from his father (83,21:523). On 31 March 1702/3 he bought one hundred acres in Springfield Township, Burlington County NJ (83,21:539).

"One of the first recorded ships in the township [of Little Egg Harbor] was a sloop belonging to Thomas Ridgeway, Sr., who bequeathed it to his son, John, in 1724." (76,299).

THOMAS died 15 Jan. 1724/5 in Little Egg Harbor. His widow, ELIZABETH, died 24 March 1725 (19,16).

The children of THOMAS and ANN (PHARO) RIDGEWAY were:

i. THOMAS, b 4 Mar. 1701/2, m MARY ONG, d 1786.

ii. CATHERINE, b 30 Apr. 1704, m (1) JOSEPH GARDINER, (2) EPHRAIM TOMLINSON, d July 1789.

iii. JOHN, b 28 Oct. 1705, m (1) PHEBE TITUS, (2) PHEBE BELLANGER, d 1774.

iv. ROBERT, b 5 June 1708, m HANNAH GAUNT, d 21 Sept. 1789.

3. v. ANN, b 10 Oct. 1710, m HANNANIAH GAUNT, d 6 Feb. 1794 (170). See GAUNT Family #7.

THOMAS and his second wife, ELIZABETH (ANDREWS) RIDGWAY, had six children: EDWARD, RICHARD, ELIZABETH, JOB, JOSEPH and JACOB.

## THE SHOURDS FAMILY.

1. CORNELIUS SHOURDS — SOPHIA WEIMAR
   b — b
   d ca 1738, Philadelphia — d

2. HANNAH SHOURDS — DANIEL GAUNT
   b — See GAUNT Family #5.
   d 4 Sept. 1707

   and her sister,

   SOPHIA SHOURDS — ZEBULON GAUNT
   b — See GAUNT Family #6
   d

1. CORNELIUS SHOURDS was born in Holland and came to this country about 1684 at the invitation of WILLIAM PENN. He and his family arrived in Philadelphia, and lived for a short time near Germantown in a cave. It was quite common for settlers on first arriving to take temporary shelter in the caves on the banks of the Delaware River (11,361).

CORNELIUS' wife was SOPHIA WEIMAR. Most of their children had been born in Holland. CORNELIUS signed his will on 14 Sept. 1736, and it was filed for probate 20 April 1738 in Philadelphia (152). In it he names the five children listed below, and also his grandson, HANNANIAH GAUNT.

The children of CORNELIUS and SOPHIA (WEIMAR) SHOURDS were:

i. SAMUEL, b in Holland, came to America with parents in 1684, moved to Little Egg Harbor ca 1735, bought the grist mill from JACOB ANDREWS. By first wife he had children: JOSEPH, DANIEL, SUSANNAH & MARY. He m (2) ELIZABETH LUNNAN, a widow, and had two sons, STEPHEN and SOLOMON (11,361).

ii. ESTHER, m JOSEPH WEBB.

iii. KATHERINE, m JOSEPH WOOD.

iv. SOPHIA, m ZEBULON GAUNT. See GAUNT Family #6.

2. v. HANNAH, m DANIEL GAUNT. See GAUNT Family #7.

## THE SMITH FAMILY.[1]

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|---|---|
| 1. JOHN SMITH<br>b 1655, Ireland<br>d | _____<br>b<br>d |
| 2. MARY SMITH<br>b ca 1702, Ireland<br>d | WILLIAM (?) FULTON<br>See FULTON Family #1 |

1. JOHN SMITH was born in 1655 in County Monaghan, province of Ulster, Ireland. He was a staunch Presbyterian, and warmly attached to that church in Ireland. He was descended from a branch of the Macdonald clan of Scotland, which flourished there in the 12th Century and later established itself in County Antrim, Ireland, where the clan acquired a permanent footing in the year 1400. During the 17th Century, the family moved from Antrim and went sixty miles southwest, into County Monahgan.

The Smiths of this family were farmers in the early years of the 18th Century, who held their lands under lease. When the leases expired in 1718, not only was an increased rental demanded as a condition of their renewal, but the tenants were required to subscribe to the doctrinal articles of the Church of England. Neither of these conditions were tolerable to these staunch Presbyterians, and as they had but little property interest in Ireland and no heriditary attachment to the soil, they decided to follow the current, which was then moving across the Atlantic. It was a movement which threatened to depopulate the whole province of Ulster. Six thousand persons came from the province to America before 1729, and by the middle of the 18th Century the migration was at the rate of twelve thousand annually for several years.

In this migration were three of the children of JOHN SMITH of Ireland (b 1655):

i. JOHN, b 1686 in County Monaghan, Ireland, m in Ireland in 1713 SUSANNA ____, who was b in Ireland 1691 and d in Uwchlan, Chester County PA 24 Dec. 1767. The family came to America in 1720, settled in Brandywine settlement, Uwchlan Twp., Chester County PA, a Scotch-Irish community. He d 19 Dec. 1765. Both br in Brandywine Manor Church Cem. Their children: JAMES, JOHN, ABRAHAM, ROBERT, ISAAC, JACOB, ELIZABETH, SUSANNA, MARY, SAMUEL and SARAH .

2. ii. MARY, b ca 1702 in Ireland.

iii. JOSEPH, b 1704 in Ireland, came to America with his brother & sister in 1720. In 1730 he m ISABEL ____. and settled in Oxford Twp., Chester County PA, about 25 miles sw of his brother's home. His will, dated 22 May 1760, names his wife and children, and says that his daughter, MARY, m ROBERT FULTON. Other children were: ROBERT, JOHN, ELIZABETH, ISABEL, ESTHER, MARTHA, JOSEPH and ABRAHAM.

2. MARY SMITH was the daughter of JOHN SMITH (b 1655). She was born about 1702 in County Monaghan, Ulster, Ireland, and she came to America in 1720 with her two brothers, JOHN and JOSEPH. About 1728 she married WILLIAM (?) FULTON, and they probably settled in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County PA, about thirty miles west of her brother's home in the Brandywine settlement. Her son, ROBERT FULTON, SR., married her niece, MARY SMITH, daughter of JOSEPH SMITH (#iii above), and they became the parents of ROBERT FULTON, the inventor.

The two MARY SMITHs have been confused, and the confusion has caused mistakes to be made in the family lines.

[1]All information on this family is from 51.

## THE THOMPSON FAMILY.

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|---|---|
| 1. WILLIAM THOMPSON<br>b ca 1750, Ireland<br>d ca 1787, PA | DEBORAH (NANCY) HIGGINSON<br>b ca 1750, Ireland<br>d ca 1790, PA. |
| 2. ROBERT THOMPSON<br>b 25 Mar. 1780<br>d 25 Mar. 1835, PA | NANCY FULTON<br>b 29 Nov. 1781<br>d 10 Nov. 1844, PA |
| and his sister, | |
| DEBORAH THOMPSON<br>b 18 Sept. 1778<br>d 25 Mar. 1835, PA | ROBERT FULTON<br>See FULTON Family #3. |
| 3. ROBERT FULTON THOMPSON<br>b 30 Sept. 1818, PA<br>d 29 Jan. 1900, PA | CHRISTIANA HOWE<br>b 14 July 1820<br>d 5 Oct. 1883, PA |

1. WILLIAM THOMPSON was born in Ireland about 1750. According to family legend he married DEBORAH (NANCY) HIGGINSON about 1777. She was the daughter of a titled family in County Down (or Antrim), and her family disowned her because THOMPSON had no title (194).

WILLIAM and his wife probably came to America after 1778 because the census for 1850 (PA, Perry Co., Oliver Twp., p 504) states that their daughter DEBORAH, who was born in 1887, was born in Ireland. One family story says that WILLIAM came first, was teaching school, and was killed while going to meet his newly arrived family. His wife took his job (201). Another family story says that he was a merchant and was killed while going to the city to buy goods. "His widow died of grief and the children were taken by a family to raise. They were kindly treated, but had to work hard." (194)

There were several WILLIAM THOMPSONS in the Juniata and Susquehanna Valleys. One took an oath of allegiance on 31 Jan. 1784, and wrote after his name, "merchant, lately from Ireland." (117, 98) He may be the founder of this line.

WILLIAM probably died about 1787, and DEBORAH probably died about 1790. Neither are on the 1790 census. There is no record of the name of the family that raised the two children.

The children of WILLIAM and DEBORAH (HIGGINSON) THOMPSON were (199):

i. DEBORAH, b 18 Sept. 1778 in Ireland, m 31 Dec. 1799 ROBERT FULTON, d 2 Feb. 1854. See FULTON Family #3,

2. ii. ROBERT, b 1780 m NANCY FULTON ca 1805.

2. ROBERT THOMPSON, son of WILLIAM and NANCY (HIGGINSON) FULTON, was born 25 Mar. 1780, either in Ireland or Pennsylvania. One source says that he was born in Londonderry, and that he came to America with his widowed mother when he was a child of seven years. They first settled in Baskinville near Duncannon, Pennsylvania. Both his parents died when he was young, and he and his sister, DEBORAH, were raised by friends (25,1276).

On 25 Mar. 1803 ROBERT married NANCY FULTON, the daughter of BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH FULTON. She was born 29 Nov. 1781 (2140). NANCY was the sister of ROBERT FULTON, who had married DEBORAH THOMPSON, (ROBERT's sister) in 1790. ROBERT THOMPSON and his brother-in-law, ROBERT FULTON, bought some land together in Rye Twp., Petersburgh (now Duncannon) Cumberland County PA in 1801 (143,373). The 1810 census shows the two families living side by side in Rye Twp., with the THOMPSONS having two sons (p 85). In 1810 ROBERT THOMPSON sold the lot he had purchased in 1801 (36,1075). In 1812 he bought another lot in Petersburgh from ROBERT FULTON (143,348). ROBERT and his wife received a letter from their relatives in Lisburn, Ireland in 1810 (194, #1).

The 1820 census shows the family living in Buffalo Twp., Perry County (p 371). Their family consisted of four daughters and two sons. ROBERT and NANCY were listed on the membership list of the "Mouth of the Juniata" Presbyterian Church in Duncannon from 1820 to 1827 (215). The 1830 census shows the family still living in Buffalo Twp. with their six children (p 314). ROBERT's sister, DEBORAH FULTON, was living next to him, with her four youngest daughters and her one son [She had been widowed in 1827.]

ROBERT died 25 Mar. 1835 and he is buried in the Duncannon Presbyterian Cemetery (208). His will was written on 5 Mar. 1834, and was filed for probate in Perry County 14 Mar. 1835. It says that his estate is to be held in trust until his son, ROBERT, is 21 years of age. At that time ROBERT is to inherit the mansion tract where the family lives, and the

remainder of the real estate is to be sold and divided between his daughters, MARIA, ELIZABETH, DEBORAH and BITHIA. His wife, NANCY, and his son, ROBERT, are named as executors (218).

NANCY died 10 Nov. 1844 and is also buried in the Duncannon Presbyterian Cemetery. She is in the same plot as her parents, BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH FULTON. Nearby are the stones of her two children, BENJAMIN and MARY, who died young (208).

The children of ROBERT and NANCY (FULTON) THOMPSON were (198):

i. JOHN HIGGINSON, b 27 Mar. 1806, m 18 Jan. 1828 REBECCA STEEL, d 5 Sept. 1828. His wife d 4 Sept. 1828. Both are br in Duncannon Cem.

ii. BENJAMIN, b 6 Aug. 1808, d 14 July 1818.

iii. MARIA, b 8 Apr. 1811, m 17 Apr. 1834 Dr. JAMES FERGUS IRVINE, d 25 May 1896 in Zanesville OH.

iv. ELIZABETH, b 1 Oct. 1813, m 28 Sept. 1827 THOMAS J. LINTON, d 15 July 1846.

v. MARY, b 15 July 1816, d 8 Dec. 1821 (208).

3. vi. ROBERT FULTON, b 30 Sept. 1818, m 20 April 1843 Christiana J. Howe, d 19 Jan. 1900.

vii. DEBORAH ANN, b 21 Sept. 1820, m 7 Sept. 1843 JAMES M. LINTON, d 9 Apr. 1850.

viii. AGNES BITHIA, b 24 June 1827, m 5 Feb. 1846 ABRAM LINTON, d 20 Dec. 1898 in Bacyrus OH (203,25 June, 1899).

3. ROBERT FULTON THOMPSON was the son of ROBERT and NANCY (FULTON) THOMPSON. He was born 30 Sept. 1818 in Buffalo Twp. (later Watts Twp.), Cumberland County (later Perry), PA. He was born on his father's farm, which he later inherited in 1839, when he legally became of age.

On 20 April 1843 he married CHRISTIANA HOWE. She was born 14 July 1820. ROBERT was often called "Colonel" because he had been a Colonel in the Home Guards about 1845. The 1850 census shows him living in Watts Twp. with the first four children listed below (p 527). The 1860 census shows him

living in Watts Twp. with the first four children listed below (p 527). The 1860 census shows him living in the same place with the seven children listed below (p 5). The 1880 census shows them in the same place with ANNE, HENRY LEE, ADA, and ALLEN. Also living with them was WILLIAM ROUNSLEY, a four year old grandson. Listed next to them is their fifth child, WILLIAM, who had a wife, EMMA (p 25).

CHRISTIANA died 5 Oct. 1883. ROBERT died 19 Jan. 1900. Both are buried in Hill Church Cemetery, Watts Twp. His obituary says that he was a leading Democrat in Watts Twp. and that he was a school director for forty years (196).

The children of ROBERT and CHRISTIANA (HOWE) THOMPSON were:

i. MARY, b ca 1844. She is not named in her father's will and must have died before 1900.

ii. ANNE, b ca 1846, was living at home in 1900.

iii. ELLEN, b ca 1847, m 27 Oct. 1875 JAMES ROUNSLEY. Their children: WILLIAM T., JAMES E., ANNIE M., LELAND E., EDITH M., and an unnamed son who d in infancy.

iv. HENRY LEE, b ca 1849, living in Watts Twp. in 1900.

v. WILLIAM, b ca 1851, m EMMA _____, living in Watts Twp. in 1900.

vi. ADA C., b ca 1858, m Rev. SAMUEL HAM of Lock Haven PA.

vii. ALLEN R., b 1863, living in Watts Twp. in 1900.

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189. Amos Gantt Letter to his children, 8 March 1908, Falls City NB. Contains the family history that he had acquired. Typed copy in possession of the writer. See Appendix B.

190. Five letters from Zebulon and Israel Gauntt to their brother, Samuel, in New Jersey, dated between 1769 and 1779. The originals are in the possession of William A. Gauntt, Box 92, Botkins OH 45306. Photocopies in possession of the writer. See Appendix C.

191. Daniel Gantt letters to his children, written between 1858 and 1864. Originals in possession of several descendants of Lena Gantt Chalfant. Photocopies in possession of writer. See Appendix D.

192. Fulton letters, written between 1810 and 1885, by members of the Fulton family to each other. Originals in possession of several descendants of Robert and Deborah Fulton. Photocopies in possession of the writer. See Appendix E.

193. Daniel Gantt Journal , written between 1835 and 1872. Original is in the Nebraska Historical Society Library, Lincoln NB. Photocopy in possession of writer.

194. Mabel Ferguson paper, written about 1910, telling what she remembered hearing her elders say about her Fulton ancestors. In possession of writer.

195. Typed copy of newspaper obituary of Harriet Cooper Gantt, who died 26 May 1884. No name of newspaper given. Photocopy in possession of writer.

196. Chalfant Family Bible, Cincinnati: Hitchcock & Walker, n. d. Book in poor condition. Family history pages are readable, have been taken out of Bible, and are in possession of writer.

197. Fulton Family Bible, in possession of Geary Family, descendants of Mary Ann Atherton Geary. Photostat copy of family history pages are in Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg PA.

198. Thompson Family Bible, in possession of Kumler family in Perry County PA. Typed information sent to me by Harry Focht, P. O. Box 73, Newport PA. 17074.

199. Fulton Family Chart, made by Jane Patterson Tyrrel, P. O. Box 473, Lusk WY 82225.

200. Gantt Family Chart, made by Charles S. Gantt, Greenway Apts., Baltimore MD, in 1938. Photocopy in possession of writer.

201. Recollections of Edith Gantt, daughter of T. Fulton Gantt (Family 37), sent to the writer by her niece Mary Cochran Grimes, 426 Prospect St., New Haven CT 06511, in 1982.

202. *Perry County Freeman,* photocopy sent to writer by Harry Focht.

203. *Perry County Democrat,* " "

204. *Peoples Advocate and Press,* " "

205. *Newport News,* " "

205a. *Newport Weekly News-Sun* " "

206. Newport Cemetery, Perry County PA. One-half mile west of Newport PA. Records sent to writer by Harry Focht.

207. Old Stone Church, Middle Ridge Presbyterian cemetery. Two miles west of Newport PA and south of some private homes. Writer's visit June 1980.

208. Duncannon Presbyterian Church Cemetery. At west side of Duncannon, Perry County PA. Records given to writer by Jane Patterson Tyrrell, P.O.Box 473, Lusk WY 82225.

209. Marlton (Evesham Twp., Burlington County NJ) Baptist Church Cemetery and Burial Records. Sent to writer by David Gauntt, 1206 Clements Br. Rd., Barrington NJ 08007. This is the only record found about the death of JOSEPH GAUNT II.

210. "Mouth of the Juniata" Presbyterian Church records (also called Petersburg and Duncannon.) Sent to writer by Harry Focht.

211. Millerstown (PA) Presbyterian Church records, sent to writer by Harry Focht, P.O.Box 73, Newport PA 17074.

212, New Bloomfield Methodist Episcopal Circuit Records, sent to the writer by Harry Focht.

213. Quaker records from the Leach Collection, Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania Library, Philadelphia. Researched and sent to the writer by Harriette Black, P.O.Box 38, Swarthmore PA.

214. Quaker records from Friends Library, Philadelphia. Researched and sent to me by Harriette Black (address above.) In this material was a photocopy of the marriage record of Hannaniah Gaunt and Dorothy Butler in 1678. Original is in Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records, Book 60, p 68.

215. Quaker records of Germantown Monthly Meeting, 29 day,2 month, 1706. Has marriage intentions of Daniel Gaunt and Hannah Shourds. Sent to writer by Elma Eckert, Box 2449, R.D.#2, Mount Holly NJ 08060.

216. School Children's File of Vital Records from Pennsylvania cemeteries. Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg PA.

217. Perry County PA Tax Lists. Abstracts sent to writer by Harry Focht, P.O.Box 73, Newport PA.

218. Perry County PA Estate Proceedings. Abstracts sent to writer by Harry Focht (address above.)

219. *Boston Transcript*. Genealogical queries and replies.
a. 13 Sept. 1909, #888.
b. 3 Dec. 1906, #954.

220. Hannaniah Gauntt will. Dated 17 July 1720. Recorded in New Jersey Will Book 2, p 177. Photocopy in possession of writer.

221. Pedigree chart made by Edwin Armor Gauntt, Jobstown NH, a descendant of Uz Gauntt. Now in possession of his son, Wm. A. Gauntt, Box 92, Botkins OH 45306.

222. History of the Gaunt Family. Four page, typed history centering around Joseph II, who went to Pennsylvania in 1790. The original in possession of Basil Gantt, RR2, Newport PA 17074. Photocopy in possession of writer.

223. Will of Joseph Gaunt II, dated 5 March 1826. Filed in Perry County (PA) Will Book A., p 235. Photocopy in possession of writer.

224. Woodward, E. M. "The Old Families of Burlington County. Gauntt." *New Jersey Genesis*, 18 (Oct., 1970) pp 765-767. Introduction says it was written in 1839 by Charles Gauntt of Philadelphia, son of Asher [#14 in this book.]

225. Headstone inscription of Daniel Gantt, and his wife, Harriet Cooper Gantt, Wyoka Cemetery, Nebraska City, Otoe County NB. Writer's visit, Fall of 1970.

226. Family information from Carrie (Mrs. Basil) Gantt, RR2, Newport PA 17074.

227. Family information sent by the grandchildren of T. Fulton Gantt. Mary Cochran Grimes, 426 Prospect St., New Haven CT 06511. Iris Gantt Selnek, 16 Cameron Dr., Huntington NY 11743. Phyllis Yost Stillwell, 4315 Franklin St., Lincoln NB 68506.

228. Gant-Gantt-Gaunt-Gauntt Families in 1790 - 1850 Census Records. From Accelerated Indexing Service, Salt Lake City UT.

229. Family information and Perry County (PA) history from Joe Darlington, New Bloomfield PA. His wife was Elizabeth Gantt, daughter of John M. Gantt (#39.) He is a prominent Perry County historian.

230. Reuben Gauntt Will., dated 1 April 1829. Located in New Jersey State Library, Trenton NJ, #9831M. Photocopy in possession of the writer.

231. Grimes, Mary Cochran."Introduction to *Breaking the Chains*, by T. Fulton Gantt", unpublished book. Photocopy of the introduction in possession of the writer.

232. Diary of T. Fulton Gantt, in possession of his granddaughter, Mary Cochran Grimes.

APPENDIX B

Amos Evans Gantt Letter

July 12, 1917.

I copy this from a paper written by my father, word for word.

R. U. Gantt.

Falls City, Nebraska
March 8th, 1908.

My dear Children:-

The following memoranda of the family history has come from many sources, the early part from what I can gather was compiled by a great uncle of mine named Amos Evans, who married into the family and he had a penchant for family trees. I can only give the same to you as I have received it, and gathered it from time to time:-

The ancestors of Peter Gaunt came from Ghent, capital of Flanders, a province of the Netherlands, at a time when one of the early kings of England encouraged the Flemings to emigrate to his country on account of their superior mechanism. This occured in 1350.

Peter Gaunt came to America from Lincolnshire, England in the year 1600. He was married to Hannah, and they had two sons, viz; Hanniah 1st and Israel. Their two sons moved from Sandwich, Mass. where their father resided to Long Island, and thence to Shrewsbury, New Jersey. Hanniah 1st took up 500 acres of land in Hannicon, N.J. in Burlington County about 1636, and on 450 acres of this land Uz Gaunt lived in 1836. At this period of time this farm had been in the family for nearly 200 years, and on it Asher Gaunt was born, he died in 1796. This Asher was the son of Samuel, who was the son of Zebulon, who was the son of Hanniah 1st, who was the son of Peter who emigrated from England.

Can find no record of Israel, the son of Peter.

Hanniah 1st married Dorothy Butler and had six children, viz; Zebulon, Hanniah 2nd, Daniel (who went to the western country and I can discover no more about him), Mary who married to Robert Will, and Dorothy who was married to Thomas Staples.

Zebulon remained on the farm of 450 acres and in 1715 married Sophia Shroads, and had six children, viz; Samuel, Zebulon 2nd, Israel, Hannah who was married to Robert Ridgeway of Little Egg Harbour, Mary who was married to Jacob Gamble, and Sophie unmarried.

Zebulon 2nd and his wife, Israel and Sophia went to the Carolinas, and I hear nothing more of them. Samuel, son of Zebulon 1st, married Mary Black and had two daughters; Hannah who was married to George

Crosham, and Sarah who was married to Stacy Shinn. On the death of his wife, Mary, Samuel was married to Hannah Swoolman and had eight children, viz; Judah, Uz, Asher, Reuben, Elihy, Serepta, who married to Isaac Burton, Elizabeth who was married to Job Shreve, Judah died two years after birth, Uz married Sarah Jones. Asher married Mary Stockton, and Reuben married Hannah Platt.

Hannaniah 2nd married and moved to Little Egg Harbour and had two children, viz; Joseph and John.

Joseph, son of Hannahiah 2nd married and had seven children, viz; Hannaniah 3rd, Jacob, John, Joseph, Abraham, Sarah who was married to Reuben Lewllyn, and Elizabeth who was married to Amos Evans. Jacob was married and raised a large family of children who settled through the west. Hannaniah 3rd, John, Abraham, Sarah and Elizabeth remained their life time in New Jersey, except that Abraham was in Ohio a short time.

Joseph 2nd settled in Pennsylvania, married Mary Lobaugh and raised a large family.

John, son of Hannaniah 2nd, married and had six children, viz; Daniel, Samuel, Jane who was married to James Thackery, Hannah who married ____ Collier, Ann who married ____ Forsyth, and Elizabeth who married ____ Peursal.

Joseph 2nd and Mary Lobaugh were married by David McClure on the lst of October, 1793 AD. Joseph 2nd was born December 12, 1769. Mary Lobaugh was born August 18, 1775, and their children were the following:-

John, born July 5, 1795, died Apr. 10th 1857.
Joseph, born May 9, 1796, died Jan. 31, 1867.
Daniel, born March 28, 1797, died very young.
Elizabeth, born June 25, 1798, died June 2, 1878.
Davis, born Oct. 31, 1799.
Hannaniah, born Mar. 23, 1801, died Jan. 29, 1884.
Jacob, born June 13, 1803, died June 29, 1884.
Hiram, born Mar. 17, 1805.
Frederick, born Mar. 23, 1807, died young.
Jesse, born Nov. 4, 1808, died young.
Jesse L. born Oct. 17, 1810, died Mar. 1, 1880.
Samuel, born July 30, 1812.
Daniel, born June 28, 1814, died May 29, 1878.
Mary, born May 19, 1816, died Jan. 23, 1893.
Agness A., born July 26, 1818, died Apr. 2, 1883.

Joseph 2nd died April 10, 1823. Mary Lobaugh, his wife, died May 17, 1840.

Daniel, the son of Joseph 2nd, was married to Agness Thompson Fulton on November 14, 1843. She was born on Jan. 1820. Daniel was afterwards married to Harriet Cooper but had no children by the latter wife.

The children of Daniel by his wife Agness T. Fulton were:-

Amanda Ellen, born Oct. 3, 1844, died Sept. 16, 1860.
Edwin, born Feb. 13, 1848, died Feb. 16, 1848.
Adlenia Marantha, born June 1, 1846.
Thompson Fulton, born Jan. 31, 1849.
Mary Alice, born Jan. 6, 1851.
Amos Evans, born Oct. 4, 1854, died March 14, 1914.
Deborah, born Sept. 22, 1855, died Oct. 27, 1855.

Daniel died at Nebraska City on May 29, 1878. Agness T. Fulton his wife, died in Omaha, Nebr. Oct. 15, 1857.

Adlenia M. (Lena) was married to John M. Chalfant on Apr. 19, 1868 by Rev. Lemon and Fort; John M. Chalfant was born Oct. 19, 1838. The children of Lena and John were:-

Alice, born May 22, 1869.
Nellie F., born Sept. 2, 1871.
Daniel, born May 13, 1874.
Harriet, born March 1, 1876.
Hugh
Jack

Thompson Fulton was married April 1885 to Edith L. Gruman at Washington D.C. His wife was born in Conn. They had the following children:-

Paul, Aileen, Edith, Robert, Sybyl.

Thompson Fulton died at North Platte, Nebr.

Mary Alice was married on Oct. 4, 1869 to Azur Curtis Rorebeck by Revs. Lemon and Alexander. A. C. Rorebeck having been born April 8, 1844. They have the following children:-

Edwin Fulton, born Nov. 9, 1873.
Curtis, born Jan. 28, 1879.
Agness, born Sept. 13, 1883.
Of these children, Edwin R. was married to Lilly and Curtis was married to Lois.

Amos Evans was married April 5th, 1876 by Rev. D. F. Rodebaugh to Emma Miller; she was born April 8th, 1856, and died Oct. 3, 1895. They had the following children:-

Daniel Fulton, born Mar. 19, 1877.
Zadie Alice, born Feb. 17, 1879.
Robert Anderson, born Sept. 15, 1881.
Emma Grace, born Oct. 18, 1883.

On the 4th of Oct. 1889, Amos Evans was married to Phoebe M. Unland Hays, and as a result of this marriage there is
Ray Unland, born May 9, 1901.

Of these children, Z. Alice was married to Frank Norris, and they have three children:- Ben, Lucretia, and Alice *[Robert-Frank Fulton is written in.]* Daniel Fulton was married to Miss Edna Millhollin June 18, 1907. To them was born:- Amos Charles.

At this time Robert Anderson is attending the Nebraska State University in electrical course, and Emma Grace is in Sanitarium at Lincoln, Nebr., taking up work as a trained nurse.

The mother of Miss Emma Miller to whom Amos Evans was married is Lucretia T. Crane-Miller, and was born in New York state.

The family of Hiram Gantt, he was a brother of Daniel Gantt. On April 9, 1829 he was married to Elizabeth Jahn, and their children:-

John born Mar. 31, 1830, died May 10, 1832.
Thomas D., born Apr. 17, 1833.
Elizabeth, born Sept. 3, 1837, died Sept. 4, 1837.
Mary E., born July 11, 1839.
-----, born Dec. 1845, died Dec. 1845.

Marriages of children:-

Thomas D. was married to Surretta Walters on Feb. 26, 1857, and they have a child, Ira, born on Nov. 28, 1857.

Mary E. was married to A. L. English in July 1855. They had two children that died, and in 1872 was divorced from her husband.

The family of John Gantt, he was a brother of Daniel Gantt. John was married to Rachel Carl, and she died Oct. 25, 1863. Children:-

Emeline, born Oct. 8, 1838, died June 1858.
Mary E., born June 17, 1840, died Aug. 1857.
George W., born Nov. 23, 1842.
John L., born June 19, 1845.
Daniel T., born Feb. 25, 1848, now living in Crete, Nebr., is married to Phoebe and has:- Ruth, Edith, Carl, Paul.

The family of Joseph, a brother of Daniel Gantt. On June 12, 1828, he was married to Mary A. McGowan. She was born Dec. 25, 1805, and they had children:-

Joseph W., born Mar. 19, 1829.
Catherine, born Mar. 8, 1830.
Jacob, born Apr. 18, 1832.
Mary Ann, born Apr. 27, 1833.
Isaiah W., born July 30, 1834.
Margaret, born Dec. 18, 1836.
Elizabeth, born Nov. 13, 1839.
William E., born Apr. 29, 1845.

I know little of this family. I understand William E. is an attorney at Sioux City, Iowa. He formerly lived at Ponca, Nebr.

Family of Jesse L., a brother of Daniel Gantt. He was married to Margaret Kough, and they had children:-

Mary Ellen, John Clayton, Sadie E., Mattie who died, Willie H. They lived at Newport, Perry County, Penn.

The family of Jacob, a brother of Daniel Gantt. Jacob married Ellen Bosserman, and lived at Lockport, New York. He died in 1884. They had children:- Ephriam W., Mary J., Watson L., Ellen E.

The family of Samuel, who was a brother of Daniel Gantt. He had three children:- Leander who died, Laura C. who married _____ Hayworth, and Samuel J.

Agness Ann, a sister of Daniel Gantt was married to David Clouser, he having been born of Jan. 13, 1817. They lived in Perry County, Penn., and had the following children:-

Jesse L., born Oct. 3, 1842.
Michael G., born Aug. 16, 1848, died Dec. 2, 1862.
John L., born Feb. 3, 1847.
Delia A., born Feb. 3, 1851.
Topperus A., born Mar. 9, 1855.
Joseph W., born Feb. 22, 1844.
Mary E., born Oct. 26, 1848.
Jennie B., born June 7, 1853.
David L., born Apr. 2, 1858.

Elizabeth, a sister of Daniel Gantt, was never married and died June 1878, aged 80.

Hannaniah, a brother of Daniel Gantt was married to Melinda Lobaugh (though the maiden name is the same as that of his mother, I cannot say whether it was a cousin that he married or not.) He lived and died an Newport, Penn. They had children:- Alfred, Joseph D. L., Davis W., Samuel T. who died, Henry Clay who died, John Q., Melinda.

Mary, a sister of Daniel, was never married.

Daniel Gantt was born June 28, 1814 in Penn., on the mansion farm that his father commenced opening up about 1770. When about ten years old, while cutting down a tree, he received a cut in the left knee from the ax, that confined him in bed from Oct. to April, causing him to be lame in that leg, and he walked with a staff ever after. He went to the log cabin schoolhouse, and after passing through the elementary branches, taught school in the winter of 1831-2 near Milford, Perry County, Pa. During the fall and winter of 1832-3 he performed the duties of deputy clerk in the office of Prothonary in Bloomfield, Perry Co., Pa., and at the same time he studied surveying. He married, practised law and lived in Bloom field until 1856 when he came west to Nebr., stopping at Saratoga, now a part of Omaha. He laid out a town near the mouth of the Platte river, shipping several houses from Pittsburg by boat to that point.

these houses afterwards were destroyed by fire, the panic of 1857-8 ruined him financially. In 1857 his wife died, and he went back to Pittsburg and married Harriet Cooper, who formerly taught school in Bloomfield, and who had been well acquainted with the family, part of his children having attended her school. He left all the children save Amos with relatives in Penn., returned to Nebr. He practised law in Omaha. Was in the legislature in 1864, had a very hard struggle for existence during the war. Was U. S. District Attorney under Andrew Johnson. In 1868 he moved to Nebraska City, continued his profession; he was elected judge of the district court, and at that time there were only three judges in the state and they also acted as a member of the Supreme Court, and at the time of his death he was the chief justice of the state. He was buried at Nebraska City, Nebr. His second wife being buried by him at that point, his first wife having been buried in Omaha.

Notes of family matters:-

In 1894 I received a letter from T. F. A. Williams, an attorney at Lincoln, Nebr. His mother being a Gantt, and at that time she had a niece, Mrs. Susan Reed at Merna, Custer County, Nebr., also a niece, Mrs. Greenfield at 507 Grand Blvd., Chicago, and another Mrs. Gusta Curtis, 3305 Indiana Ave., Chicago. He inclosed a letter from his uncle, which was as follows:-

Centerburg, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1894.

Dear Sister, Samuel Gantt, our father, was born in Stafford County, Virginia in the year 1778. His father's name was John Gaunt; his mother's maiden name was Corbin. They were both, I think, of English descent. His mother died when he was quite young. His father married a second wife and raised quite a family. He owned some property in land and slaves. I know nothing of our grandfather's ancestors. He had brothers, one Edmund Gaunt, uncle to our father, lived in Frederick County, Va. With him our father made his home for some years; he went from there to Louden County, Va., and married Mary Anders, our mother. Her father was a German by birth, came to this country when 14 years of age. His mother was Mary Reed of English descent. Our father had another uncle in Culpepper County, Va. These uncles both emigrated south, but where I do not know. They both owned slaves, so could not go north. Our father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was stationed at Norfolk, Va. when discharged, returned and stopped at his boyhood home, the only time after he first left. Our father left Virginia in 1835, came to Ohio and settled in Knox County, lived there until he died in 1863 at 85. Our father and oldest brother never spelled their names any way but GAUNT. It must be charged to us younger ones, why we changed it I cannot tell.

Stephen H. Gantt.

The land on which Washington D. C. is located belonged to David Carrol, Notley Young, David Burns and Samuel Davidson. These gentlemen conveyed to John Mackall Gant and Thomas Beall, who as Trustees conveyed the same to the Commissioners and their successors for the United States of America.

On Oct. 4th, 1863, I had a letter from James L. Gantt of Summerville, So. Carolina, saying that he thought he came from the house of Lancaster, England. His family legend is that his early ancestor settled in Prince George County, Maryland, at which place his grandfather appears was born. He says that the name of his great great grandfather appears in a paper preserved and now hanging in the state house at Annapolis, entitled a "declaration of rights by the freemen of Maryland province" of 1775. And that an old will at Annapolis reads, "I, Elizabeth Gantt, wife of Thomas Gaunt, and signed Gant." His earliest ancestor was a Thomas Gantt, and he does not claim relationship with the others of that name in So. Carolina.

In 1883 Margaret Gaunt, aged 96, died at Erie, New York. Her great-great-great grandmother, Elizabeth Gaunt, was executed at Tyburn by order of Judge Jeffries because she had sheltered, though ignorantly, James Burton, one of the Rye House conspirators. William Penn himself witnessed the execution. King William III granted the Gaunt family an annual indemnity when the innocence of the victim was established. The money was regularly drawn until 1776, when the pension paper was lost. For some unknown reason it was taken to America, and turned up in the effects of Margaret Gaunt. Her nephew, Edwin C. Gaunt, was making preparations to go to England and secure the unpaid pension money.

Ed W. Gantt was a Col. in the rebel army from Arkansas, and in 1863 he marched his brigade into Little Rock and disbanded so far as he was concerned because of the actions of Jefferson Davis in the changing of the heads of the departments of the southern army. He made quite a speech. This Col. Gantt was rather a prominent man in that state; he was attorney general and wrote a law book.

The parents of Daniel Gantt were Penn. dutch. The story goes that his wife's ancestors came from Ireland.

The present chief justice of the supreme court of Missouri is J. B. Gantt.

In 1830 Daniel Gantt spelled his name GAUNT, and I can find no reason why it was changed.

Judge Gantt was quite a prominent character for a number of years in St. Louis. He was a judge of the court of appeals, and was quite a wealthy man.

Not long ago one of the district judges in eastern Missouri was a Gantt.

Never have come in contact with but one of the Gantts of Missouri. He appeared to be a very nice decent man.

# APPENDIX C

## ZEBULON & ISRAEL GAUNTT LETTERS

*The following five letters were written by Zebulon and Israel Gauntt to their brother Samuel Gaunt. The original letters are in the possession of William A. Gaunt, a descendant of Samuel.*

*The first letter is addressed to Sam. Gauntt in West Jersey, The County of Burlington, the township of Springfield. Zebulon was liv- in North Carolina.*

the 30th of 12 month 1769.

I take this opportunity to acquaint the, Brother Samuel, that I and my wife and children are in reasonable helth at present hopeing that these may find the and thy famely in the like helth. So that thou mayest see, I have not forgot the, altho it seemes thou had all most forgot me, perhaps the hurry of the world may take thy mind from us which I should be sorry for. I should be glad to see som of thy riteing once more but that is unsertain. It is not likele that we will met in this world but I should be glad we mite live so that we mite meet in the other. So no more at present but our kind loves to the and thy famely and all our relations. This from thy loveing Brother and Sister

Zb Esther Gauntt

P. S. I heard lately from brother Isarel & his famely. They were in reasonable helth. I was lately at Sister Dorothy. She had then 6 children, 4 sons. Her husband's name Joshua Teague. All in reason- able helth. The children's names: Elijah, Isarel, William, Abner, Zebulon, Rebekah.

*The second letter is from Israel, and is illegible in places.*

1771, December 30th.

Loving Brother Samuel Gauntt, I rit a fue lines to let you know that I and my famely are all well at present. Sister Dorothy and her famely are well. They are completely worsted by the regulation in North Carolina. . . . . I now follow farming in South Car- olina, Craven County, at West Broad and Saludy Rivers. I do not expect to come to these party anymore. I have received a letter from the, and I am glad to hear of thy welfare. Remembering my love to our Father and Mother and to the and thy famely. Subscribing my- self thy loving brother

Israel Gauntt

Sister Dorothy is lifing about 10 miles from me. Zebulon 70 miles.

*The third letter has a long postscript which has been torn, and only a few words are readable.*

South Carolina, Camdan.
26 of the 10 month 1772

Beloved brother, if I may so call the, I have this one time more a mind to wright to the, which I take this oppertunity, hopeing it may rais thy mind once more to write me which I should be glad to here from the and thy famely and the rest of our relatives. All tho we are seperated from each other we aught not to forgit that anchant love that once was between us, for my desire is that we may live such a life that we may meet again where we may rest from our labours which is the sincere desire of thy beloved friend and brother.

Zb Gauntt.

P. S. My f . . . . . being well, som of my children . . . . .

*The fourth letter gives more details about Zebulon's family.*

South Carolina, Camdan
29 of the 7 month 1778.

Deare Brother & Sister Samuel & Sarah Gauntt, having an oppertunity to send a few lines by two friends the name of Lathem at these trublesum times tho we have not bane much trubled as yet. My famely is threw mercy in reasonable helth at present, all that are at home except one of my sons who hath been ailing for sum time but thru mercy is amending. My two eldest sons are gone a trading with a load of indigo to mariland or pensylvania. Neb and Zimry and their eldest sister, Beulah, went with them as far as new garden and we have not heard from them for near three months. I heard from brother Isarel a fue days past. He and his famely ware reasonable well and I should be very glad to here from the and thy famely and to here of your prosperity in this and the world to cum. So no more at present but my kind love to the and they famely and to all our relations and friends that may inquire after us.

This from thy affectionate Brother,
Zeb Gauntt.

P. S. I should be glad thou would miss no oppertunity of wrighting to me haveing had no account from any of you for a long time. A fue lines would be very acceptable in these trying times which I beleave is to many.

*This fifth letter gives a Quaker's view of the Revolutionary War.*

Camden, 21 of 6 month 1779.

Dear Brother, haveing an opertunity to send a fue lines by friend Richard Pride of Philadelphia, which I give the to understand some-

thing of our situation at present. We are all living at the old place neare Camdan at the fery a very trubelsom place with soldiers day and night. My wife and Zimri and Samuel are in a poore state of helth at prasent, the rest are in a midling state of helth, which I hope these may find the and thine in the same. It is very trublesom times. The English army lying near Carlstown which they have a grate call for. They fined me and my son. Samuel, 500 pounds each and tuck from us to the value of 2000 Dolours and now the law is more severe, no fines but the body. The Captain came and tuck my two oldest sons, Nebo and Zimry, and kept them traveling for nere 300 miles until their foot were very much blistered and oblidged to walk in that condishon for sum days so that they suffered very much diverse Ways, and were detained nere 6 Weeks and then Colonal Carshaw interseded with the presedent and they both being millrights, he got them discharged in order to repare and attend them for the law excuses none but millars and firemen [?], so that the offissers are asending of sommonses for my self and son, Sam. So except sum other power comes to rule shortly we nede not expect nothing else but to be taken, their being 15 or 16 from Bush River, Long Cane and George, them 3 meetings and som of them in Charlstown under a guard.

I was not long since at Brother Isarels and Sister Dorothy, and they and their famely's were in reasonable helth. If I remember me our sister has 4 sons and 3 daughters. I would not have the forgit to rite while in helth, this from thy loveing brother.

Zeb. Gauntt,

so no more at present, but my kind love to the and thy famely, and to the rest of our relations.

# APPENDIX D

## DANIEL GANTT LETTERS

*This collection consists of twenty one letters written by Daniel Gantt between 1858 and 1864. Most of then were written to his children, who were living with relatives in Perry County, Pennsylvania while he was living in Omaha, Nebraska Territory. The following is not a word for word copy, but I have tried to include everything that has genealogical or historical value.*

### LETTER 1

*Written to Amanda E., Adlena M., and Thompson F. Gantt. The original is in the possession of Iris Gantt Selnack.*

Omaha City, May 17, 1858.

My Dear Children,

I should have written to you sooner, but I had no convenient way of doing it. We arrived at Omaha last Monday and we are all well. I had to wait in Pittsburg on my maps, which made a long time on the road. I stopped one night in St. Louis, 1½ days at Wyandott in Kansas. We are now living in the old house at Saratoga, but expect in a month or so to move into Omaha and live there this year and open a law office.

I want you all to be very good children. Obey Mrs. McKeehan, and do whatever she tells you, for I know she will be very good to you. You are not to go into town much, but you can occasionally go out to your Aunt Clouser's and spend Saturday night, but not very often, and sometimes over to your Uncle Joseph's and to Wesley's.

Amos E. is well, very lively and contented, and makes plays for himself all day long. I want you to learn all you can, for I will, after a time, want to get you all with me, and you know there is not as good opportunities for schools in this western country. Smiley's family have all got well. John Anderson is still teaching school at Glen and Cecilia got married down there last winter to a doctor. Myers and Neals families are well, and living in the old place.

I want you to write to me one letter every week, at least for some time. You can all three write some in the same letter. I do not want you to forget about writing. Tell how fast you are getting along in school, and what you are studying. I suppose you have heard that Harriet Cooper has come with me to live. She is very kind to Amos, and he says she must not go away. Write to me soon. Direct your letters to Daniel Gantt, Omaha City, Nebraska Territory.

Your affectionate father,

Dan'l Gantt

## LETTER 2

*Written to Amanda, Adlena and Thompscn Gantt, probably in the summer of 1858. Original in possession of Sarah Nichols.*

I want you all to be very good children. Say your prayers every morning and evening. Do whatever Mrs. McKeehan tells you when you go there to live. Mind what your Aunt Mary says to you. I have sent you 1½ dozen brushes – it is all I could get of the right kind. I send you ten stamps. You must use them carefully. When you write to me you can all write in one letter. Write sometimes to Mary Alice.

I send you 3 quire of paper, and one umbrella. I send you your Mother's and Granmother's likenesses. Now mind I want you to keep them in your trunks, and do not use them much, or show them to people. I want you to take good care of them.

Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 3

*To Amanda E., Adlena, and T. Fulton Gantt. Original in the possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha City, Nebr. Aug. 30, 1858.

My dear children,

I wrote to you on July 20th, and as I have not got an answer, I suppose you did not get my letter. I said in that letter I wanted you to go to school one more quarter. I also said that I had sent some clothing that your Aunt Mary or Aunt Mary Ann Fulton would have made up for you. I would rather have you here but I suppose that cannot be this fall. I wrote Mrs. McKeehan that I wished you to go to school another 3 months.

We are living in Omaha now. I will write and make some arrangements for you for the winter. You must mind you cannot do as you please and that I cannot now have you placed as I would like. Let me know how Fulton is off for clothes and how you are all off for shoes. Amos is well and talks about you often. I want you to study the common English branches as you did the last term, but not to commence music and drawing or anything of that kind. I will send you stamps, and I want you to write once a week to me.

Your affectionate Father,

Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 4

*To Amanda E., Adlena M., and T. Fulton Gantt. Original in the possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha City, Nebr. Oct. 15, 1858.

Dear Children:

I received your two letters and I am glad to hear that you are in good health while so much sickness prevails. We have been well all fall so far, except last night. I had something like a chill. Amos is in good health and talks about you often. He is growing fast and you would hardly know him.

I have made arrangements for Amanda and Lena to live with Wesley this winter, and Fulton with his Uncle Joseph. So you can all go to school together at Middle Ridge. This is the best I could do for you. Your Uncle Thompson, I think, does not want Lena, as I wrote twice to him and he did not answer me at all and I would rather have you all together. You did not write to me where you were last vacation . I wanted to know where you were spending your time then. Do you read your Bible and say your prayers at night? Write to me.

Your father, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 5

*To Amanda and Adelena Gantt in Newport, from Harriet and Daniel Gantt. Original in possession of Louise Johnston.*

Dear Children,

I received your kind letter sometime ago and did not think at the time it would be long before I would reply, yet I find that yours was written on the 21st of Nov. I assure you that not a day passes without my thoughts dwelling you and I know it is your ardent desire to be home. I feel anxious to see your wish realized, but when I think of the change in your home during the last few years I cannot describe to you my feelings. Had anyone told me two years ago the position that I was going to occupy in your family I would have thought them mad. I do not say this as a sign of repentance on my part, for had it been the will of our heavenly father to have left your dear Mother with you, I would feel much better satisfied. I speak truly when I say that I did not assume this position for the prospect of worldly advantage to me. It was more for the benefit of you. You know the friendship that existed betwen your dear Mother and myself. I still cherish a grateful rememberance. When I left Perry County, it was my expectation that you would all be home in the fall, but it has not been in the power of your Papa to bring you as was his wish. But I do hope you may be home soon. Amos talks of you every day. He has grown fast, and goes to Sunday School. We teach him at home and he is beginning to read.

You wish to know what part of Omaha we live in. We are next door to the Tressent House, where you stopped when you came to the Territory. No one lives in the house at Saratoga. Some of the houses have been brought to Omaha. The folks in Saratoga was well the last account from them.

Dear Amanda and Adlena, I have not written separate letters to you as you can both read this one. I hope you will be good children You wished to know if your dear Mother's grave is still in Saratoga. Yes, it is still there. The rain during summer caused it to sink considerably, but Mr. Guise filled it up. I must conclude as your Papa wants to write some on this sheet. Please give my love to Wesley and Kate, and to your Uncle Joseph and Aunt. Do write soon.

I remain, affectionately yours, Harriet.

My dear children,

It is not necessary for me to write much this time. You are told we are all well. I desire you all with us, and if I can possibly make the arrangements I will have you brought out early in the spring. Business is still dull here, and you know I have put every thing in real estate, and the times changing makes it hard to sell. We think times will improve next summer. Persons are now arriving here to go to the gold mines and some start without waiting for spring. Be good children, for it would grieve me to hear you are not so. Write often.

Your affectionate Father, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 6

*To Amanda, Adlena and T. Fulton Gantt. Original in possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha, Neb. April 20,

My Dear Children,

I would have written you some time ago but I wrote to your Uncle Joseph and to Wesley, and did not think it necessary to write to you at the same time. We had hoped to get you here this spring, but the financial reverses have put me in a position that I am tied fast and cannot realize anything out of my investments. The time seems long to us, but we must submit to our disappointments. I hope you will all be good to your friends who have been so kind to you. Read your Bibles a great deal, and review your school books to learn more. Be kind and obliging to everybody, and careful not to give offense to anyone. You will find this course of life not only more pleasant, but it will give you friends among all persons.

I hope to have better times soon. Mercantile business has improved and farmers are getting better prices for their produce. They have shipped many thousands of bushels of corn and potatoes to St. Joseph and St. Louis at good prices. Many immigrants are going to

the gold mines. The Rev. Billingsly is now living at Brownsville near the lower end of the terriroty. He was up last week and spent the night with us. The Kansas and Nebraska Methodists general conference met in this city last week on Thursday and continued in sessions until Monday afternoon.

The first steamboat arrived at this place this spring on the 5th day of March, and since that time there have been quite a number of arrivals. And every boat brings considerable freight. Mr. Castle spent the winter in St. Joseph and goes to California this spring.

On Thursday last Harriet was going across the lot to one of the neighbors when she fell and struck her head. It gave her some pain and the next day she caught a cold which settled into a fever. Today she is in bed most of the time. Amos is well, is three feet and four inches tall. He looks like Fulton. He talks about you often.

Your affectionate Father, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 7

*To Amanda, Adlena, and Fulton Gantt, from Harriet and Daniel Gantt. Original in possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha, July 12, 1859.

Dear Children,

I hope you will pardon my seeming neglect in not replying more promptly to your last letter. I think about you often, and hope you may soon be home.

I am now quite well. Amos and I went to Council Bluff with the Sunday School children of Omaha. They were invited to join the schools of that place in celebrating the 4th. We were taken over in wagons and carriages. There we were met by the band and escorted to Concert Hall, where the schools of that place joined in the march, and after going through the streets we went to a grove south of the town. There the Declaration of Independence was read by a gentleman after which an address was delivered by Rev. Kuhns, the Lutheran minister. We then had a sumptious dinner, and was cheered by the music of the band. Amos enjoyed it much, and I thought of you that day, wishing you were all there too. Amos is well and lively as a deer. He has a little garden in the backyard. I must close as Papa wants a part of this sheet to write on. Write often. Give my love to your Uncle Joseph and family, Wesley, Kate and all the friends.

I remain, Affectionately yours. H. G.

My dear Chidren,

I have been looking for a letter from you. You often hear from me through the letters I send to the Perry County Freeman, and by this means get all the general news. In my last letter you will see

that the Pawnee Indians have been making trouble. They have destroyed large amounts of property, but I have not heard any news from the Elkhorn since I wrote, except to say that there are about 250 persons out there under arms, and under General Thayer and Governor Black. We do not know whether they had a fight yet.

The country is very healthy now. We have had warm dry weather. A great many farmers have settled in the Platte Valley this summer. We talk about you every day and wish we had you with us. I want you to be good and obedient, and I hope we will soon be together. Do write often. I am always glad to get a letter from you.

Your affectionate Father, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 8

*From Daniel Gantt to his brother-in-law, R. Thompson Fulton, in Newport, Perry County PA. Original in possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha N.T., Nov. 14, 1859.

Dear Friend,

I do not know whether I wrote last to you or not, but I will break the long silence. It is a pleasure and satisfaction to me to get letters from old friends in the east. In this distant frontier land, where civilization has but recently been planted, and where society is in its formation period, there are many things to attract attention, excite the mind and occupy our thoughts, but amidst all these a letter from friends left behind is, in some respects, like an oasis in a desert. It is a green spot in this frontier excitement and strife.

I still like this country very well, but we have many people who are no advantage to any country. I think the climate, in general, is more pleasant than the east. True sometimes we have hurricane windstorms, but I believe these to be an advantage for they sweep away all miasma and promote the health of the country. Generally we have had a dry pleasant fall season. Most of the time we do not need fires in our rooms. Last Friday and Saturday we had a tremendous wind storm from the northwest, and it became very cold, but yesterday morning it abated, and now we have warm, pleasant weather.

I had thought I would have the children with us this fall, but it seems my fortune at present to be disappointed in this. The past crisis has thwarted my calculations, as I have not sold one foot of the property since I came out. Although merchandising and farming improved the past summer, real estate business has not revived. We all think it must ere long. I do feel disappointed in not seeing the children this fall. My professional business does not scarcely pay a living, but is getting better, and I have acquired a good position as one of the best in the profession.

I am now president of the Sulphur Spring Land Company, and attend to most of their business here. I think this will pay well after some time, is valuable property, but owing to the scarcity of money it does not pay at present. If I were not so much connected with real estate in this region, I might leave, for some of the leading men of Brownsville City have urged me to locate in their city. But I cannot cut loose from interests here. Some of the most important causes in our court have been taken out of others hands and placed in mine, and if I succed in these causes they will pay me a large fee.

I hope in the spring to have the children brought out. You know all I had when I came here was invested in property and the times changed soon after. I have now given you a full history of my situation. It is not intended for everybody, but for yourselves alone. The fact that the gold mines are permanent and productive in the west will certainly have much influence in advancing business in this country. Miners are returning daily and will go back in the spring. They travel on the Platte Valley, and all say it is the best and nearest route, and will command all the trade hereafter.

If you can I would be much pleased if you would sometime visit the children. It would be a gratification to them. Harriet speaks of them every day and sympathises with me on account of their absence. She wants them home with us. Please let me hear from you.

Very resp'y, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 9

*To all the children, from Daniel. Letter is torn and the following are fragments. Original in possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha City, N.T., Dec. 25, 1859.

My dear Chidren,

I would rather see you than write to you, but this cannot be for now, and therefore I must again use the pen to communicate with you. I suppose you can hardly wish more to see me than I do to see you, but it seems our misfortune to be separated. I had hoped to get you home in the fall the the hard times and the scarcity of money have prevented this. How glad I would be if I could have you with me on this beautiful pleasant Christmas day, which is warm, and more like a summer day than the middle of winter.

I like this country, and believe that it will grow, for there is over one thousand miles of country west of the Missouri river, and all the commerce and trade of that country must come to the Missouri river, and will raise the price of property here. It is only a matter of time to see this, and if I were not convinced this would be the case I would not remain here. So even if it is hard now, and we cannot have the things as we desire, yet it may be better for us all in the future.

## LETTER 10

*To Amanda, Adlena and T. Fulton Gantt, in Newport, Perry County PA. Original in possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha City, N.T., April 4, 1860.

My dear children,

I would have written sooner, but was waiting to see if I could raise means to get you here. It is with sorrow I am compelled to say that I have not succeeded. Harriet says she would willingly go someplace to teach, but then to pay our board we would not gain anything by her doing so. I have written to your Uncle Jesse about you and will write to your Uncle Joseph and Wesley and to your Aunt Mary Ann Fulton. We want to get you home as soon as possible for we do not feel contented, and I lay sleepless at night thinking of you.

We are now living in a house for which I pay rent in professional services. The house in Saratoga is rented to two farmers, who are farming down on the bottom in the bend of the river. We have had only one shower of rain since the first of February, and no snow. We are in our usual health. Amos has been in school most of the winter, but is staying home a few days as he got tired of going and I thought it best to let him rest a few days. I am gaining in the law business. I wish you would write to me oftener.

April 7th.

When I had written the above I was called away on business, and did not get to writing again till today. I have thought a great deal about the western country, and have looked at it all over in reference to the future, and I do not think there is any part of the west that has as good prospects for the future as the region of the Platte Valley in Nebraska. But it seems to take a long time to recover from the recent crisis. New emigrants are coming in and many of them are going to the gold mines. I want you home this summer and am making every effort to do so. Write oftener.

Affectionately, your Father, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 11

*To Adlenia M. and T. Fulton Gantt, Newport, Perry County PA. Original in possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha City, N. T., Aug. 27, 1860.

Dear Children,

I received your letter. We are all well. Amos is now going to school to a young female teacher. The public schools closed in July and will not commence again until in the fall some time. General health

in the country is good. It grieves me that I cannot have you brought home at once. It takes longer than I expected. Money is so scarce and I get paid for little.

I hope you will try to be contented as possible. Do you spend your leisure time in Study? Do you read your Bible much? I hope you will attend to these things, and not waste your time. What books are you reading? How tall have you grown? And anything else you can think about. It is with great satisfaction that I read your letters and I read them over several times. I almost think I am talking with you when I read your letters.

Affectionately, Dan. Gantt.

LETTER 12

Omaha City, N.T., Sept. 28, 1860.

My dear daughter,

The sad news of our dear Amanda's death reached me some three days past and I have tried ever since to write to you but could not compose my mind to do so. The stroke is indeed a hard one, but we must submit to him who doeth all things well, who giveth and taketh away, and in whose hands we live. I feel for you and your little brother and sister, for your eldest sister is gone. She went in the morning of life while the charms of youth played on her countenance, when the guileless innocence of her amiable character was yet unstained by the world around us. She went in the morning of the day ere the dews had gone to Heaven or the stars had scarcely gone to rest in the spheres, while the cool winds were blowing, while the flowers were in bloom that would shut at noon. Even so it is hard to part with one who has been so interwoven in our affections here on earth, but my dear child I do hope and intreat you not to permit this affliction to press too heavily on your mind. Do not permit grief to take hold of you or undermine your health, but try to bear up under our loss and make life agreeable to those around you. It is surely some satisfaction that you were with Amanda in her last hours. She had your care and attention, and I know you did your duty as a loving sister. Bit I was not present and this fact rings in my mind day and night. I received the news in the morning mail and on that day I scarcely knew what I was about. Mother is still unwell and has a paid in the chest produced by the shock so sudden and unexpected.

I desire you to get all Amanda's papers, letters and books and whatever things she may have had, and take them all into your care and preserve them. I also wish you to write a full account of her sickness – what was the disease – and all you know up to her death and burial – state if Alice was present – also Fulton. If I had anything to sell for money I would have you home at once. You can scarcely know how much I desire to get you all home.

Write to me immediately. I wrote to Jesse L. Gantt to furnish you with plenty of postage stamps and paper. Read this letter to

Fulton and when you write he can write some too. Inform me if your Aunt Mary A. Gantt is still in Bloomfield at her business. Also how she and your Aunt Betsy and Nancy are getting along.

Your affectionate Father, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 13

*To Daniel's brother-in-law, R. Thompson Fulton, Newport, Perry County PA. Original in possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha City, N.T., Nov. 26, 1860.

Dear Friend,

I am not certain whether I wrote last or you did, but however this may be I will break the long silence. We are enjoying good health and have not had any sickness the past year. Amos went to school some, but did not improve any, so we have kept him home and Mrs. Gantt has been studying every day with him. He now reads quite well for his age, and gets along well in his other studies.

From a pecuniary point of view I have not succeeded as well as I expected. One great drawback was the financial crisis which came on the same year after I came to this new country, and which suspended general business operations, and even yet there is nothing doing in real estate except the entering of some lands by warrents. The farm business has improved considerably, though owing to the drouth the crops in our region were short. Wheat ranged from ten to twenty-five bushels to the acre. There has grown up a large trade between this city and the mountain mines. Large freight trains leave frequently and single ones leave almost daily. You would be astonished to see the number of teams engaged in the freight business. You might, during the past season, have travelled the Platte Valley for over five hundred miles, and you would not have passed a day without being in company with trains on the road, and you would have often seen them stretched in one solid train for a whole days travel.

The mercantile trade has grown to large proportions. All agricultural products command a good price. Flour has never sold here for less than $6 to $8 per barrel. Corn always commands a good price in the spring. Chinese sugar cane (sorghum) does well here, and some of our farmers have began to cultivate it. The molasses manufactured from it sells at 50 to 60 cents per gallon.

The law profession does not pay well in this country. There is some business, but most of it is with persons who have become tied up by the crisis, and cannot pay. I have not received pay for one fourth of the business I have done. It has rendered me unable to get the children home, and it seems to me now while writing like an age since I have seen them. It seems so far to be a misfortune in my coming to this country. But it may yet turn out well.

I intend making a vigorous effort to secure an appointment under the administration of Lincoln. I shall apply for Judge of the 3rd Judicial District and if I succeed it will place me in a much better situation and enable me to do for the children as I wish to do.

The telegraph has been in operation to our city since last Sept. and now extends to Fort Kearney, 185 miles west of this city. On the next morning after the Presidential election, we received the news from all the eastern, middle & western states, and some of the southern states, & learned Lincoln was elected. On the morning of the 8th this news was 200 miles west of Fort Kearney by Pony Express. Is this not a fast country? This express is a great feature of the present age. A man mounts his poney and rides 100 miles (in about 10 hours) before he stops to rest. He has a fresh pony ready at every 25 miles, and this is the way they travel from the Missouri river to California. Each rider travels 100 miles & must do this in about ten hours, & this travel is day and night. Not long since one rider travelled his 100 miles eastward, and owing to great cause, was compelled to return with the western Express. He therefore, without rest, took a back track, and ran over the same route. You would think a ride of 200 miles on horse back, without any time to rest, was a tolerably good job of work, but this is western life.

The Stage has come through from Denver to our city in less than five days, loaded with mail and passengers. The distance is nearly six hundred miles – at least over five hundred. The mail from this point to Denver is Semi-weekly, also an Express with it. The Express on each trip brings considerable amounts of gold – sometimes twenty and thirty thousand dollars at a time. Returned miners bring with them large sums, but we cannot correctly estimate what has been brought in – no doubt some hundreds of thousands. The purchases by bankers in this city have for some time averaged from five to ten thousand dollars per week. Don't neglect to write to me.

Most Resp., Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 15

*To Adlena Marantha and T. Fulton Gantt in Newport PA. Original is in the possession of Sarah Nichols.*

Omaha City, N.T., June 20, 1861.

My Dear Children:

I received your letter some days past and would have written to you sooner but have been engaged in some cases in our Supreme Court and could not think of anything else. I am now through with that business. I had hoped to have you all home with us by this time but it seems one misfortune after another is our lot. I did not receive the position I expected under the government. The President has seen fit to send men to fill our Judiciary who appear very deficient in the first elements of jurispridence, and so we have forced on us Judges who are not at all competent to fill the positions, while many

better men in our territory are cast aside. We are all well and have enjoyed very good health this summer. Our town is generally healthy but there are a few cases of small pox in the town.

Our city now has quite a military appearance. Every day we hear the rattling of drums, the shrill notes of the fife, and the music of the brass band, Sundays included, and our streets are every day bristling with bayonets. Several United States companies are quartered in our city and others forming; and I suppose they will remain here for some time to drill. One company is quartered next door to my office, and in the evening they make the welkin ring with their national songs. I do not know where the soldiers will be sent, but suppose some of them will be sent to the frontier forts and some may be sent to Missouri State to fight the traitors there. I suppose you have heard that the Governor of Missouri has commenced war against the United States. They have stopped our mail and telegraph news the past week, but I think we will have all right in a short time as the United States troops under General Curtis has taken possession of the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad and now have it guarded. Col. Curtis has a small army with him at St. Joe. The soldiers have shot four men attempting to disturb the railroad. General Lyon has taken Jefferson City, and the traitor Governor of Missouri has fled to Booneville where the last news I heard, he was fortifying himself. I hope they will catch him and hang him at once.

I will direct this letter by way of Iowa City, and I wish you would direct in the same way, as the mails are still uncertain across Missouri. I hope you both spend much of your leisure time in reading and study. Read some good books and understand what you read.

I want you both to write, tell me the news, tell me what books you are reading, whether you look at your grammar and arithmetic at all. I am struggling to hasten the time when I can get you all home. It seems like an age since I have seen you. Many times when I set in the door in the evening, I almost imagine I see you all playing around me as I used to see you, but I soon awake from the reverie to more deeply realize your absence. But I must stop. Mother and Amos join in love to you and all our friends.

Your affectionate father, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 16

*To A. Marantha and T. Fulton Gantt, Newport PA. Original is in the possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha City, N.T., Sept. 18, 1861.

Dear Children,

I should have written sooner, and I will make it a rule to write at least once a month. Amos and I are in good health. Mother has not very good health for some time. However, she is about all the time and attends to our house work. She grieves very much about

us not being able to get you all home, and I think this affects her general health. We talk about you every day. Amos is learning at home this summer. He says his lessons to Mother, and is studying spelling, definition of words, reading, writing, arithmetic and primary geography. On Sundays he attends a German Sunday School which is near our home.

You know I did not get the appointment from the national administration. One of the most corrupt politicians, and one who was an applicant for office under Buchanan got the place, and what is equally bad, he is but a fifth rate lawyer – knowing very little law. This appointment is a pretty good sample of all which are made in our Territory. To succeed a man has to be corrupt, go to Washington, spend some money, and in some way buy his place.

Nearly all our eastern mail comes by way of Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad in Missouri, and the secession troubles in that state have cut off our mail, so that for the last two weeks we have received very little news, and get no eastern papers. The secessionists have possession of St. Joe and the Railroad, and committed a vast amount of roberies. It is said they took some seventy wagon loads of goods from St. Joe. They not only stole the goods but also stole the wagons and the horses to haul them. The Union men now have got possession of St. Joe and the railroad, and we learn the cars are to commence running on Monday east, and I suppose we will get the news again.

I want you to write me particularly how your Uncle Joseph is – you say his health is bad. What is the cause of it? I have at different times written letters to him and Wesley, but I suppose they cannot find time to answer, or else the cares and toils of their faming causes them to think little about writing.

Your affectionate father, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 17

*Addressed to Adlenia M. Gantt, New Bloomfield PA. Original is in the possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha City, Nebr. Dec. 5, 1861.

My dear Adlenia:

I should have written you sooner, but have been much occupied. Last October I was appointed a Master in Chancery, and our courts being in session, I had considerable business refered to me, and by reason of this business, I have been working some nights till 12 oclock. I hope to be paid for this hard service some day.

You can hardly appreciate how much I would rather have you and Fulton and Alice here with us to talk with you instead of writing, but how many sleepless hours I spend at night thinking about you, but I now have hopes of being able to have you all home soon.

I would have got along very well, but I have lost heavily, and will now give you some account of my losses. You will recollect the preacher, Wm. Young Brown. He turned out to be one of the greatest villians that ever came to this country. I lost investments by his villiany to the amount of about three thousand dollars. He was the principal man in a company organized; and principally through his influence investments were made in lands and improvements to an amount over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. After he had made all he could, he turned round and hired men to go upon the lands and file caveats in the Land Office against the titles obtained from the government, and by his villiany and false swearing and that of his hirelings, succeeded in breaking the titles and swept all this property away from the innocent purchasers who had invested their money in it. He made a contract with the reckless men he hired to prosecute the matter for them and they were to give him one-half of all the property. Besides this great swindling, he swindled the company out of large sums of money. Through his rascality my friend, Tuttle from New York, lost twenty thousand dollars, and is now a poor man. Mr. McAlpin of Pittsburg lost about twenty thousand dollars, and others lost, making in all over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. We fought the matter to the bitter end, but we have no doubt Brown had bribed and bought all the principal officers, who had to decide, and by such means obtained their decisions. Brown left the country some two years past and has not been back since for fear he would be lynched. I understand he has been teaching in Shippensburg, Cumberland County for some time past.

We had a destructive fire which swept over a great portion of our Territory. The wind blew almost like a hurricane for two or three days and vast amounts of property burned. Two or three fine churches were burnt; many thousand dollars worth of grain, hay and fences were burnt, and in some instances the family had nothing left but the closthes on their back; and in the great conflagration I lost investments in large amount. And thus by contending, along with others, for over two years past against the villiany of Brown and by reason of these heavy losses, I have been entirely unable to send for you all, and if no new misfortunes happen I feel very sanguine that we can get you all home next spring sometime.

I will say that I sent a list of fees due me to Jus. Don Gantt some year ago and I understand that he has put it in the hands of H. G. Milans in Bloomfield. There is over three hundred dollars on it which ought to have been paid long ago. I wish you would see Milans and get him to collect some for you; and if he possibly can, to collect enough to bring you all home in the spring. I will enclose an order to him to pay you. You will receipt to him for whatever he pays you and no more. But independent of this I am using every effort to get you home soon. If you do get some money from Milans, first get some good clothes for you and Fulton.

I never had any reason to doubt your word and hope I never shall have; but I deem it prudent for me to say nothing about your trials and griefs now. I only wish I could bring you home now. It is best to say nothing which may reach the ears of others; and I hope you

and Fulton have not and will not talk to strangers about our troubles. I received Fulton's letters and want him to write more frequently than he has done hitherto. Tell him to be kind and obedient.

Amos and I have good health all fall, but Mother has not. Amos is studying at home. He reads well, and is at the 4th lesson of division. You may show this letter to your Aunt Mary A. Gantt and to Fulton. Long ago at different times I wrote to friends in Perry County but have not heard from them. I suppose they have forgotten, or care very little about us. I suppose your Aunts at Bloomfield write so little that they can hardly get themselves at writing at all, and this is the reason I never received an answer to the last I sent them. I know it is difficult for persons who never write much to get at it and can excuse them, but others have not this excuse.

Most affectionately, Your father, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 18

*To Adlenia Gantt. Original in possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha City, N.T., April 1, 1862.

My Dear Adlenia,

I should have written to you sooner, but I had nothing to write about. Amos and I have good health. Mother has not, but still does all her own work. We have had unpleasant weather this spring. Now the snow is nearly gone, and on Saturday last the ice began to break up in the river. Last night the first steamboat arrived.

Amos went to school most of the time during the past three months, studying geography, arithmetic, reading, etc. and did some writing. Who is Alice living with? I had understood from some one of your letters that she was to live with Rev. Mr. Craig's family. How is she treated? Do you see her often? Am using every means I can to try and get you all home soon. Read the enclosed to your Aunt Mary. Write soon.

Most affectionately, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 19

*To Adlenia M. Gantt, New Bloomfield PA. Original in possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

Omaha City, N.T., June 16, 1862.

My Dear Adlenia,

I should have written to you sooner but for two reasons. Mother wrote you recently, and I could not write until after the meeting of the Supreme Court. I am disappointed because our judge was away

and is still absent. I am "Master of Chancery" and I had cases out of which I expected to receive fees to bring you all home. We may have a special court, but I can form no idea now. President Lincoln should let us make our own judges.

We are determined to have you home as soon as possible. Although Mother is unwell most of the time, yet she will not have a girl to do any of the work so that we may live in the most economical way we can.

I desire you, my dear Lena, to be very careful in your associations. At your age you can hardly know how important it is to be cautious and reserved in your company with others. If we had you with us we could do much in advancing you in the ordinary branches of learning. Write me about how Fulton and Alice are getting along.

Your affectionate Father, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 20

*To A. M. and T. F. Gantt, New Bloomfield PA. Original in the possession of Sarah Nichols.*

Omaha City, N.T., Nov. 16, 1863.

My dear Children:

I am pleased to tell you that I have succeeded in making the arrangements for your return home. I send you enclosed a draft for one hundred dollars. You will see the draft is payable to A. M. Gantt. Lena must write her name across the back of the draft – writing the first part of the name in full; and you can draw the money at the bank in Harrisburg. I suppose your Uncle Jesse Gantt will go with you to Harrisburg to get the money and while at Harrisburg you will ge through tickets from there to Omaha by way of Pittsburg, Chicago, Quincy, Hannibal and St. Joseph. I think you and Fulton can get your passage for one and a half tickets, you both being so young. The fare for one passage is $40, with half price for Fulton it will take $60 for both of you.

When you start try to get your baggage checked through to St. Joseph. If you cannot, you will have to get it checked to Pittsburg and then get it checked to St. Joseph. Now I will give you instructions how to get along on your journey. If you have your baggage checked to Pittsburg, as soon as you get there see to it at once and have it immediately checked to St. Joseph, and say to the agent that your tickets are to St. Joseph. You must keep together, for if you separate you might not get together again in time for the cars. Get on the train as soon as you can and you will not need to change cars until you get to Chicago. At Chicago the cars run into the Rock Island Depot, and you will be taken by omnibus to the other Depot where you start for Quincy. If tickets for the omnibus are not given to you in the cars, inquire at the Depot. Having through checks on your baggage you need not look after it until you reach St. Joseph.

The Omnibus is furnished by the Company. You do not need to pay. In Chicago be sure and both keep together, and be sure to pick up all bundles or carpet bags you have in the cars and keep them in your hands until you get in the other cars.

At Quincy on the Mississippi River you will go on steamboat to Hannibal. When you get off the cars you will have to walk to the boat, and be sure and keep together. When you get to Hannibal you will take the cars to St. Joseph. You will probably get into St. Joseph in the night, and when the cars stop you will take the Omnibus to the Pattee House and stay overnight. If strangers ask you to go to any other house don't mind them. If you cannot take your baggage with you, keep the checks and send the porter of the Pattee House for it. In the morning you will take the cars for Savannah and be sure to have your baggage put on for now you will have to see after it yourselves. At Savannah you will take the stage to Council Bluffs and Omaha. The stage usually gets in Council Bluffs in the evening in time for passengers to cross to Omaha in a mail coach which leaves Council Bluffs about 5 o'clock in the evening.- So as soon as you stop at the Pacific House inquire for the evening coach and if it has not gone you can come on it. Otherwise you will have to stay in the Bluffs till next morning. Until you reach St. Joseph you will have to get such meas as you want at places the cars stop. At St. Joseph you will stay all night and will get supper and breakfast there. The stage stops for meals. You can take some eatables in a carpet bag when you start so that you can get along for two or three days without getting out of the cars at every meal.

Remember one thing in particular – do not stand on the platform. Most all accidents of railroads occur by so doing. It will take about six days to come through. As soon as you get this letter and draft I want you to get ready and start as soon as you possibly can. The day before you start write me a letter and mail it at Newport, telling me the time you start. You had better start so you get in Pittsburg in daytime. The reason I want you to start as soon as you can is to get here before the hard storms of winter set in. We are now having warm pleasant weather.

Keep this letter and look it over so you will remember what I said. Again I warn you not to separate, and when you stop in St. Joseph ask for a room with two beds so that you can remain together and lock your room. When you get in Omaha tell the coachman to drive to my place at once, on the bank north of Herndon House and east of the government corral. Show this letter to your Uncle Jesse Gantt. Tell him I desire him to go with you, Lena, to Harrisburg and see about you getting started.

Dress warmly for it may be cold. If you have a travelling blanket it would be useful. If you can get your tickets for $60 you will have $40 left, with which you can spare enough to get a blanket. You should have enough money for any emergency or accident on the way, but do not show your money when paying for meals. Keep some small change by itself to pay for these expenses and take good care of the balance that you don't lose it. If anything happens by accident, do

telegraph me at once.

Most affectionately, Your Father, Dan. Gantt.

## LETTER 21

*To Lena Gantt. Original in possession of Sarah Nichols.*

Omaha, Nov. 14, 1864.

Dear Lena,

While in Nebraska City I was busily engaged and had no time to write letters. Since my return home I have been equally busy, and hence did not write letters which I ought to have done. I cannot now make any arrangements or engagements as to what will take place at the next term of school. It will depend on future circumstances whether you can go another term or not.

I do have some things to say in reference to the present, and that I may be understood, I shall be plain. First, I understand you have moved for the third time, and are now in the garret of the house. It looks as if you give way to every new scholar who comes. I thought when a pupil selected a room, it was to remain the room of the pupil till the end of the term. If you are compelled to move I wish to know it. If you do so voluntarily, I urge you to develop a more positive character and self respect.

Another matter is the scenical exhibitions in which young ladies dress in men's apparel. To say the least, this is immodest and elicits unpleasant remarks from young men. It is also against the teachings of the Bible which say "The woman shall not wear that which pertains unto a man." The prohibition is so express that a violation of it must be accounted a sin. I presume you can, in a manner agreeable to the teachers and others, avoid any further participation in such customs and practices. To use the stage in order to cultivate the art of speaking, to improve in elocution, or to engage in conversational exercises upon the sciences studied, is surely more to the advantage of the scholars than the custom objected to.

I enclose some stamps and envelopes. Court commences today, and how long it may continue I do not know. During the continuance I will be constantly engaged, having all the business of the United States court to attend to myself on the part of the United States. Probably after the Court is over we can make a visit to Brownell Hall.

Affectionately, Dan. Gantt.

# APPENDIX E

## FULTON LETTERS

*The Fulton Letters consist of thirty six letters written to and by the Fulton family between 1810 and 1885. Most of them were written by the daughters of Deborah Thompson Fulton and her husband, Robert Fulton. They were written to each other and to their mother. Some of the letters are difficult, and occasionally impossible, to read. The following is not a word for word copy. I have omitted illegible sentences and material that was unimportant or repetitious. However, I have tried to include everything that has genealogical or historical value.*

### LETTER 1

*Addressed to Mrs. Robert Fulton, Rye Township, Cumberland County, Penn., America. Written by her uncle, Thomas Beatty. Original is in the possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

April 21, 1810. Lisburn, Ireland.

Dear Debora & Robert,

We have sent several letters to you but have not rec'd any answer for this long time, not since you informed us of the part of the country you live & also of your having two children, Elizabeth and Mary. Their would nothing give us more pleasure than to hear from you every year, but I will perservere in writing to you untill I receive a letter from you if living. Your Aunt and family are all well. The family are seven children, five boys and two girls. Your Uncle and Aunt Higginson of Maragall are still living but very frail. Children are all married and in prosperous way. Your Uncle Edwd and all your uncles are still living and your Aunt Jane and her son. Your Uncle Thompson lives in your Grandfather Thompson's house. He has the whole farm and he is married and has two children, both boys. Your Aunts Thompsons are alive and well, but none of them married. We always remain in the same place and follow the tanning business and doing very well. When you receive this I hope you will answer at the first opportunity and inform us how Mr. Fulton's and your family are and how you are coming in your business and when I know where you are settled I will write to you and let you know more particularly how everything is doing here. Your Aunt and family joins in best wishes to you and your family. Wishing you every happiness that this world can afford.

Thomas Beatty.

### LETTER 2

*To Mrs. Patterson (Jane) from Priscilla Shuman, dated Sept. 28, in Millerstown. It is a brief note that says Mrs. Patterson is sick but getting better. Original in possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

## LETTER 3

*To Jane Fulton Patterson from her sister, Mary Ann Fulton, written about 1841. Original is torn and much of it is unreadable. The following is what can be extracted from the fragments. The original is in possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

There is some sleaghing here. I hope we will not regret leaving the gate. If all the family will do there duty there is no fear but we will get a living with the blessing of god and that is all we can have. There was expenses there that I hope we will not have here and we had advantages there that we will not have here. I have made Thompson's coat and knitted my shall and made up my dress besides many little jobs. Nancy has not got any of her money yet but there is a prospect of getting it soon now. I wish when you write you would let us know how you are getting along with the business of collecting and I think you should attend to Greyberrys very soon after New Years. If you do not like to ask him yourself tell him I wrote to you to ask him about a balance against him in our book. Tell us how the affairs are doing and all that you know we want to know. Tell us how the children are and in short everything. Mother, Nancy and Thompson all join in love to each of you.

I am your affectionate sister, Mary Ann Fulton.

## LETTER 4

*From Mary Ann Fulton in Shirleysburgh PA to her sister, Deborah Fulton, in Benvenue, Dauphin County, PA. Original in possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Dec. 15, 1841.

Dear Sisters,

I must first tell you that we are all well. Mother looks quite well now. When we left Perry I could not hope that she would look as well as she does. When I wrote last she was mending and I thought that she would be able to attend meeting, but she took a pain in her legs. It seemed like a cramp. Sometimes she could not stand and her legs was so swoolen that she could not ware her shoes. We bandaged them and rubbed them so now the pain is gone and she is getting well. If she mends she will be able to go to meeting next Sunday. We had a fine time of it the time of communion. We gave one our certificates which we brought along and Mr. C. read out our names. Mr. C. keeps a tolerable sharp eye on us. He has been verry kind. He superintends the work at the house and is trying to look out for beaus for us too. Altogether it keeps him verry busy.

I must tell you about our house and how we live. When we came we got a man to help Thompson do some work at the house and he was here 10 days and he charged us one dollar and 25 cents per day, but that seemed so much. So when the first hurry was over we concluded that Thompson would do most of the rest of the work at leisure. We

first took down the partision and put up another makeing an entry and 2 rooms. The front room is for the store and the back room is all we have to live in. The front room is about 20 by 15 feet and the other is about 8 by 15. The entry is about 6 or 7 feet wide and the stairs go up something like Aunt Nancy's out of the entry, and up stairs is a verry crowded place I assure you. At present we have loose boards laid in the garret but no stairs yet so that we cannot get any thing up yet. Thompson is doing the carpenter work under the direction of Mr. C. We have got the counter and shelves up and a stack for goods. Our little store room will hold all our goods verry well. If we only had a celler, but that is a loss.

I think we will have to build an addision to the house. We have been talking to a man about putting up a small house with a celler under it, and he says he will put up a house 14 by 16 with a chimney and celler and do all the work for 80 dollars, he to find all the stuff except the glass and nails. I do not know what we will do for we had so much outlayings and the money comes in so slow. Nancy has not got any money yet but I think she get it almost any time now.

We do not have much business yet be we hope we will get along. There is a tailor in town that says he will give me work. He told Mr. C. I have made Thompson's coat and it fits verry well. I think I do not see any here that fits better. But I have not got my dress done yet. C B has got a bonnet made. She got silk from us, the stripe that I got in Harrisburg. There is a milener here but she is not very well respected nor counted on. Something new takes here I think. We have not got the cloak home yet. Thompson has not had time to go for it.

I wish you would write soon and tell us all we want to hear. We will write to Mrs. Duncan soon. Tell us if you see Fritz or any of the old nabours. How is Mrs. McClore and how does she get along taking toll and is she going to live in the store house?

With love to Patterson and the children. Mother and the rest all join in love to you all.

Your sister, Mary Ann.

## LETTER 5

*Written to Jane Fulton Patterson, Benvenue, Dauphin County PA, by her sister, Sarah Fulton Louden, Shelbyville MO. Original in the possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Jan. 17th, 1842.

My dear Sister,

In a state of great anxiety I write this letter having got no answer to my last letter home. I rec'd a letter from Nancy written on the 25th of Oct. and I sent an answer right back. Nancy wrote that Mother was sick with fever and I am affraid she was worse than they

wanted me to know. I think I never felt so uneasy. When I wrote I was just able to sit up after my confinement. We are all well in health now. Our little girl is growing. She weighed 7 lbs when a day old, but I think she would weigh 10 now. She will be 3 months on Jan. 20.

My dear sister, I cannot tell you how I got through my trouble. I was sick from 9 to 2 oclock and all the time verry bad. Dr. Irvine was here, he considered my case a bad one, but the Lord who sees not as we see, brought me through and now my health is as good as ever it was. I was in a lonely situation with not one female here untill after my babe was born. Louden and the Dr was all that was in the house. We had sent Eli for a woman and she was not at home. They had to ride 3 or 4 miles to get her. O how often did I wish I was near you. I sometimes thought through the summer I would go home. I did not see how I could stay here, but I thought I could not go alone and we both could not go. So I gave up the thought.

Times are hard oweing to scarcity of money. There appears to be none in circulation. Them that is in debt has no way of saving themselves. Their property must be sold. A waggon worth 50 sells for 10. Anything farmers has to sell is low and then cant get money without going to Hannibal which is 40 miles. Pork is selling there (such as weighs over 2 hundred) for 2 dollars per hundred and smaller hogs for 50¢ per hundred. Wheat is 50 to 60, and corn from 20 to 30 cts. a bu. It is a hard time to begin farming. Wages are high. A labouring man asks from 75 cts to one dollar and by the month from 12 to 15. For breaking up praire they have from 2.25 to 2.50 per acre. There is men who follow that for a liveing. They have 4 and 5 yoke of oxen and a plough made for that purpose. A common plough can't break up the sod it is so tough. Louden wants to get some broke up this spring.

Daughter looks like she has verry black hair. Sometimes her eyes look dark, other times I think they will be blue. Her nose is like Thompsons. The folks here call her verry pretty. I wrote to Mother to name her either for herself or any other she would fancy. She takes a great deal of nursing, wont lie in her cradle unless she is rocked. She is now on my lap. She is so troublesome I need some help if I could get it. When Louden is in he nurses her, but when he is out I have hard time getting my work done.

There has not been Presbyterian preaching here for a long time. I have not heard a sermon fir eight months. There was preaching since that but I was not well and could not go.

My dear sister, I have said nothing about the death of your dear babe, but it is not without thinking of it when writing about mine. I was thankful to learn by sister M. A. that you are resigned to the will of the Lord. May he comfort you. You speak in your letter of the days of our childhood. How often do I think of those times, and I cannot bear such a thought of never seeing you again. When I think of the long journey, the expense and the lack of money it distresses me. Do answer immediately. I cannot wait six weeks longer. I want to know what Thompson is doing, whether he is going to a trade or

not, what kind of store they have, whether just as usual or a fancy store. I got a letter from Betsey written Oct. 27. I dont think they have any thought of coming to this part of the world to live.

I sent my last letter to Benvenue expecting that if they had moved that Mr. D. would forward it. Louden joins me in love to you both, and give our love to Mrs. Patterson and the children.

Your sister, Sara F. L.

If Thompson is not going into a trade would he come here and work with Louden? Louden would pay him. He is not going to keep Eli. I mention it & you can speak of it or not as you would know what would suit best.

## LETTER 6

*Written to Deborah Fulton, Benvenue, Dauphin County PA, by her sister, Mary Ann, and her mother, Deborah, in Shirleysburg PA. Original in possesson of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Shirleysburg, Feb. 17, 1842.

My dear children,

We received your letter of the 7 and the 12 and was verry glad to hear from you all. We would have wrote with the last mail but waited for word from Henerys. We got a letter from Nancy on the 12 with yours. She said they were all well. I told you to enquire about the licence. When Henery was here I told him to enquire. He wrote a few lines with Nancy's letter, We heard there was some alteration in the law of 1841, and we want to know what to do.

We are all well. My health is better than it has been since we came here. We wrote two letters to Sally since we got hers. It is more than 3 months since her last was wrote. I think they are not managed in these post offices. Thomson has agreed with Mr. Smelker, a carpenter. He is to learn him the trade and pay him some wages and he lives in sight of our house and can be home on Sundays. He is to go to him in march or april and I think we will have to give up the plan of fetching the cow, for we have no stable and we had better buy butter and milk this summer. You had better sell the cow for what you can get if Patterson and Jane dont want her. McCoys talked of buying her. I suppose we wont get as much as we gave for her.

About your comeing home, we would be glad if you could get here. I would say in the stage but the nighest place you could stop would be at Mr. Cocklins long holow, mifflin county. He keeps a postoffice and tavern. It is 3 miles from Newton Hamilton and ten from this. There is a little snow and the sleighs are running. Maybee you could get home in a sleigh. If you dont, I think you will have to wait for a boat. It would leave you at this side of the river at Shavers where we staid. If you were thare they would get you home. We are sorry for nolands famely. They have parted with a good husband and father. I leave the rest for Mary to write. May God bless and direct you

all.

Deborah Fulton.

Dear Sister,

Mother has been writeing and now my time. The mail goes today. You ask what to do with Bigler. I dont see what you can do. He is mean but I suppos you can do nothing but leave word for him to pay the balance which would be 22½ cents. He could leave it with Mrs. McClore or Mrs. P, and as for the other business we cannot direct. You will have to do the best you can. I do not know what to say if you come before the first of April. How would it be to fix it so that Patterson would try to get it, and if not put in the hands of a justice. But in any case be guided by your prudence. There is one thing I forgot to tell you. That bag of old papers in the house, burn them. Mother is uneasy about them being thare. If you are there burn them.

I really do not know what to say about your comeing home. I am still in hopes that there will come snow, but I think now thare is a prospect for it. If you wait for a boat, it will be the first of May.

I expect Nan will go teach next summer, and if she does we need not expect any help from her in the way of work for she will be studdying from when she gets home till she goes again. And Thompson going in the spring again will throw the burden of the work on you and I, and thare will ge a grate deale to do for us both. If you can bring some foundation with you for we have not a bit. Also get some boxwood if you can. You know what I mean, that green thing to plant in the house. About the notes, we think it hardly worthwhile to bring much home with you for fear of the banks.

There has been several weddings and among the rest one of the mileners at Shirley is married this week. We are verry lonely this winter. I wish you ware home. I think we have got into an agreeable nabourhood but then the winter is dreary. I think the name of Jane's baby is preaty. I suppose it is intended for me, but no, I know better. My love to all, Patterson, Jane and the children.

Your sister, Mary Ann Fulton.

We leave you to decide what is best about coming home. Since T is going into trade he cannot go down to get the cow. If you do not come home soon, do write. Mother is uneasy when letters don't come.

## LETTER 7

*Written to Jane Fulton Patterson in Benvenue, Dauphin County PA, from her sister, Nancy Fulton. Original in the possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Shirleysburg, March 29th, 1842.

Dear Sister,

We received yours of the 20th and also one from Mrs. Duncan at the same time, and one the same day from Sarah posted March 9th.

Her's brings good news as they are all well. She had not heard from us for 4 months and was very uneasy as my letter of Oct. told her of Mother's sickness.

She has enjoyed good health, and says her babe has not been sick excepting a cold and a little croup. She says they have lived very comfortable through the winter, their room being warm and comfortable. She complains the want of the preached gospel and the indifference of the elders about it. She says that if possible she will come in the summer to see us & he could come in the fall and stay untill the spring when they could go back.

I came home on Saturday after Patterson went away. Lucy A. & Robert came with me with 2 horses. They staid untill Monday morning. They are all well, only Henry who had a toothache. Betsey's arm is pretty well but she cannot quite strait it yet. Her babe is reasonably good & she did not suffer more when he was born than when the others were born. The boys are getting to be a great help to them, and Lucy too. She can weave, wove their flannel & we had a piece of carpet in the loom when I came away that she was to weave when done that would nearly cover their room. I done a lot of sewing while there and spun the carpet chain. They will have 4 cows giving milk. The boys went to school this winter some. John H. & Robert can both read & Robert writes a little.

I have been on a visit at Shade Gap since I came home. Mr. Blair sent a horse for me last Tuesday & I was there untill yesterday. I came to meeting at Orasonia with Mrs. Blair in the carriage and Mr. Orason sent me home on horseback. I was met by my old acquaintences at the Shades with great friendship as far as I could judge from appearence. I do not know certainly yet wheather I will go there to teach or not. It will be known this week. If I don't go there I will go to another place. I have an offer about 3 miles from home.

Mrs. Collins is not going to teach this summer but I expect there will be a school. If you can send your girls we will do our best to proffit them by instructing them. I think Mother will be with you in May.

The first coat of plaster is on and the pasterers are to be back on Saturday to finish. We don't get much work. Deborah has made one bonnet besides fixing our own. Thompson went to work at the trade on Wednesday. You ask a hard question about us having beaus, one hard to answer the way times is at present & how could we get beaus. Money is too scarce for them to have as much as would pay the preacher. But there are plenty that are polite, clever and kind. On this subject I have said plenty. There are more important things.

I suppose you have heard the talk of removing the P. office from Benvenue by April 1. Where would your letters go if it is removed? About our store, we dont sell much grocerys & if we get any it will be fancy goods or dry goods we could get. Dear sister, you speak of being so far from us & I think I can enter into your feelings having felt the same except that I was entirely among strangers. You

have a kind husband to protect you and sweet little pratlers that are looking to you for that same tenderness which makes our mother so dear to us all. I hope you will see her in May and that will be a big pleasure; a pleasure Sarah is also denied. I hope, dear sister, we may be enabled to do our duty in this world and then meet where parting is no more.

Temperance continues to progress with rapidity. I saw a reformed drunkard at the Shade and visited with family. Happiness seemed to beam from their countenances and peace inhabit their dwelling, although the demon Intemperance has robed them of the comforts of life in great measure, yet by industry and Temperance they hope to regain them.

I hope Thompson will continue to like the trade. Mr. and Mrs. C. wishes to be remembered to you. All our love to Mrs. Patterson and all enquiring friends. Mother is in good health. We send love to all.

Until death, Nancy T. Fulton.

Sarah says her babe only weighs 12 pounds. Betsey's babe is a fine large child very like his Mother. Betsey talked of calling her babe Alfred Harrison, but Deborah wrote your request and we have not heard from her since.

## LETTER 8

*Written to Jane Fulton Patterson in Millerstown, Perry County PA, by her sister, Mary Ann Fulton. Original in the possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Shirleysburg, May 1st, 1842.

Dear Sister,

I am going to spend part of this evening writing to you and I suppose you will think I should do it another day, but we want to send this letter by Newton Hamilton and the mail will go out tomorrow. We received your letter Wednesday. We are well only we have all had colds. Today we have been to meeting three times, heard two sermons and attended prayer meeting in the evening. On this day two weeks we are to have communion.

You will want to know how we are. Our house is finished, the garden plowed and potatoes planted. We planted the bushes that we brought with us and they are all growing. Thompson is working at his trade except for a few days that he was not well. Nancy is at home yet. They wanted her at the Shades but when they looked into funds they did not have enough money. There is another place that wants her but it is subscription. I suppose she will go if she can get it made up so that it would be worth while. It is 12 miles from here.

Mr. Collins is to be down at your house the fourth Sunday in May and you may make the appointment for him to preach at your house

on that day at 10 oclock. He will baptize your babe. He has business in Millerstown and it is on your account that he will preach. Of course Patterson will have to be elder and get a collection for times is hard here. The preacher will have to have some money.

I do not know how Mother will go yet but I suppose in the boat. I think she will be down the last of this month, but we will send word with Mr. Collins. Tell Waite that she will be down in 2 weeks and will send the sheriff on him if he does not pay. You need not put off your visit to Aunts to long waiting on Mother, but when she goes she will have to go thare too. She will have to go to Harrisburg at any rate when she is down.

Times is dull here but we have got the house paid for. We have many outlayings here that we would not of thought of but I think we will get along. When Mother was in Huntington she did not get to see Betsy but Henry came when he heard she was thare. Thare children had whooping cough. We have not heard since.

This is Muster day. I expect we will see a display of beaus smart, butifull and eligant in manners and dress. It is likely I may select a husband today, that is if it does not rain. When you write tell about nabours and friends. You ought to let Aunts and McCoys know about the preaching. We all join in love to all of you,

Your sister, Mary Ann.

## LETTER 9

*Written by Deborah Fulton to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson. Original in possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Shirleysburg, May 17, 1842.

Dear Sister,

We have received letters from sisters E and S. Will send Sarah's letter. E does not write much. They have some troubles, indeed we are all born to trouble. Sarah's letter will show you she has a real trouble that makes us uneasy. She does not complain but we may all guess her situation.

I fear you are discouraged about your temperance house, but do not be discouraged. You may not make as much but you are not doing harm to anyone. We cannot set the time for Mother to go down but it will be in a week or two. She wants to get some money if she can. We have our house paid for and we have wheat enough to do us until fall. We are getting window shutters made and have got our front door painted green. I do not know what to say about the cow. Would you want her? If not, try to get 10 or 12 dollars for her, because we cannot get her brought up. Thompson cannot go for her. He is still at work but sleeps at home. I hope he will do better and get to be industrious. If he would only give his heart to the lord it would be a blessing.

Nancy is going to teach at Springfield, sometimes called three springs. She is to go the first of June and teach two months. She will get 9 dollars per month and pay 3 for boarding. It is 10 miles from here and she is to board with a Mr. Hudson.

I have had some bonnets to do but we do not get much work. I have been sick about three weeks, with a cough and pain in breast, and often have a fever. I do not like the people here very well although they are kind in general. For one thing they talk too much.

I am glad you have got the grave yeard fenced. Have you planted your white rose on dear Newton's grave, and does the willow grow? We felt disapointed about the little girls not comeing but you know best. I suppose you will not hear from us again until Mother goes down. If there is anything new you can write by Mr. C.

As ever, your affectionate sister, D. H. Fulton

## LETTER 10

*Written by Nancy Fulton to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson, in Millerstown, Perry County PA. Original owned by Louise Johnston.*

18 June 1842, Shirleysburg.

Dear Sister,

I am happy to announce the safe arrival of our dear mother. She came yesterday in a waggon which brought her goods. She got to Newton Hamilton Wednesday and stopped at the John Smiths where she was kindly treated, and he got a waggon for her to come in. We are sorry to hear you were ill when Mother left You. I hope that by this time you are better.

Deborah has had a severe spell of sickness, but is better now. She took to her bed last Sunday with fever and severe pain in her head, sick stomach and great debility. We sent for the doctor, not knowing what to do for her. He came and gave her medicine. She was no better until Tuesday. The doctor said it was a disease of the lungs, and gave us ointment to rub on her breast. He seems to understand her disease and is skillful. Her appetite is beginning to return, but is in much need of care yet. I have told you the truth about here, and will add that she may live to see us all buried, but is not able to bear hardships.

Thompson is harvesting while harvest lasts and is then to work at his trade. The man he works with suits him. He is clever with his boys. I am yet at home, but think they will send for me next wk. The people there talk of wanting me two months more. If so, that will keep me until near the last of September.

Do write soon. Mother is very anxious to hear from you. I do hope that by this time you are better. We will send a statement by next mail of Waits account. Do give our love to Patterson, to his

mother, to your little girls and to yourself.

Your ever affectionate sister, Nancy T. Fulton.

## LETTER 11

*Written by Jane Fulton Patterson in Millerstown PA, to her mother, Deborah Thompson Fulton, in Shirleysburg, Huntington County PA. Original in possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Wednesday, July 20th, 1842.

Dear friends,

It is with feelings of distress that I write. O Mother, Mother, my baby is dead. She died today just at 12 oclock. On Monday morning she took a fever about 2 oclock in the morning and had it till the afternoon, then got better. Yesterday she took a fever again and was very bad all night and about 8 this morning she took inward fits. We sent as soon as we could for the Dr. and all was done that could, but alas, she's gone never more to delight me with her innocent smile. It seems as though I cannot live without her. My heart is breaking.

I was too happy. God in his mercy has given me another call and O may God be with us. I feel now as all my comfort is the hope of meeting my dear children in Heaven. My hope all lies there. I dare not complain altho my heart is distressed, but I think she is looking down from Heaven and viewing the foolish distress of her fond mother. I must strive in my humble way to say the Lords will be done.

I know you will shed tears for my little dove and in pity for me. Pray that we may be enabled to give her up to her god. O the time is fast approaching when if we prove faithfull we shall go hand in hand with our dear children, but we must wait our appointed time, we must not be anxious. We have two little ones left for which I am thankfull. If I thought I would not meet them in heaven it would be more than I could bear. I know they are happy. I will wait, we are not allowed to know these things till we are on the other side of Jordan. I cannot quit writing about her. Poor dear, she did not suffer long or as much as other children.

Grandmother has been sick since Saturday. I believe it is the ague. I am better, and have had one bad spell after you left. The rest are all well. I have sent for Debby Thompson. I feel desolate at not having you to comfort me, but God is my only comforter now. I feel as if my heart was gone.

Your afflicted daughter and sister, Jane F.P.

I did not tell you I received your letter on Saturday, the day after it was wrote. Thankfull for Mothers safe arival, sorry for poor Deborah's sickness. Deborah, consider it a cross and we must take it up. But I must give up my lamentation. The neighbors is verry kind to us.

## LETTER 12

*Written by Nancy Fulton in Shade Gap to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson, in Benvenue, Dauphin County PA. Original in possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield. There is no year written on the letter, and internal evidence indicates that it might have been written in 1841 instead of 1842. If so, it should be placed between Letters 2 and 3.*

Shade Gap, July 30th (1842?)

Dearest Sister,

The name of sister is a sound gratfull to my heart and I consider it a great blessing to be permited to address you. I received M.A.'s letter of the 17th on Saturday following, and O how thankfull I felt, for my fears for my dear Mother's health had made me impatient. What a blessing to hear from my friends. My Mother's visit seemed to me like a visit of some blest spirit who was sent as a guardian angel to talk a few moments with me and then go away, so short it was.

I saw Mr. Collins on the 14th. He came to see Squire Blair and stopped to tell me about Mother buying the lot. I suppose, dear sister, you will feel as if we were going to part from you, but only think of poor Sarah. I fear we will see her no more, and then her having such a small house. I am thankful they have got to it for they must have been uncomfortably situated. Our situation in contrast with the others is what we ought to think of. M. wants to know if I am going home or not. I don't know yet. I think I will go home unless I find I can get in to sew with a tailor or something that promises to be an advantage to the family. It would be a sacrafice, but I can do it if it is necessary.

I have got among people who are very kind. I have been at the preaching every 2 weeks since I came and still have the pleasure of seeing Mr. C. who is more like a near friend than ever. The Communion of Orbasonia will be on the 3rd Sabbath in August. I expect to attend, and perhaps stay at Mr. Orbasons. Mrs. O. invited me to stay. She is a very kind and friendly woman.

I suppose I will have a few days of vacation at time of Communion. They expect me in Shirley then. Two months of my school will be up the last of this week. This week I teach on Saturday. Last Saturday I washed. I still have sore eyes. I wear the glasses and find them to be usefull.

Squire Blair is dead. He died on the 14th about 10 o'clock, and was buried on the 15th. They sent for me to assist in making the clothes. There was an old lady whom I assisted. I went to the graveyard in Mr. Blair's carriage. The funeral was very large. I saw more fine dressed folks than I have seen for a long time, but I felt pretty comfortable, feeling myself respected. The youngest son was away in the city when his father died, but has since returned. Lawyer Blair of Huntington is another son. He was in the carriage with me. He is a fine looking gentleman. The people around here are mostly wealthy.

These Blairs are very rich. But I am wandering from one subject to another without sense. Excuse my digressions.

The thought of home brings me back to myself. O could I hear my dear Brother had found peace in the blood of the Cross. How I would rejoice for him. Mary A. wants to know about the price of goods. As far as I can find they are pretty much like we sold them.

I wish you would write to me, and I long to get a few lines from Thompson. O sister, I am not discontented, but there is a feeling of lonliness in my heart I cannot define. I value your letters. I have not written to Betsey because I have so little time. My school is increasing. This day there are from 15 to 20 and soon it will be full. My love to Patterson and his mother, and my own dear mother, sister, and brother.

Nancy.

Mary A., I don't understand you about the beau who you say has quit coming since I came. Who is he? Tell me plainly. Thompson will have a good chance to learn this winter. Jane, I saw you as I was coming up the canal. You were working in your garden. I took a silent farewell of my dear sister. When Mother came I could scarcely refrain from throwing myself on her neck and weeping. I intend to write Mrs. Duncan and thank her for the papers she and Julia sent me. My respects to all who may inquire about me.

## LETTER 13

*Written by Jane Fulton Patterson in Benvenue PA to her mother, Deborah Thompson Fulton, Shirleysburgh, Huntington County PA. Original is in possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Juniatta Falls, Aug. 17, 1842.

My dear friends,

I hope you will not think me careless for not writing sooner. I was waiting to see if I could have good news to tell you of our health. Patterson has not been well since I wrote, but is better now. Henrietta has the fever, has been sick for three days. Emeline is now well. Grandmother is some days well and others sick. I am not very well. I have been but few days well since I seen you, Mother. I have that soreness on my breast, but I am at my work. This day I have a pain in my side, but if it gets no worse will not complain.

We were in Millerstown last Sunday at meeting. Mr. McDonald preaches every Sabath, one sermon and sometimes two. He is well liked. Mr. Parker, the Methodist preacher, is dead. He took a fever and died suddenly. The Dr. was going past yesterday and I called him in to see Henrietta. He says he has practised nine years and he never knew as much fits as this year. Shoemakers went to Newport last Sunday on a visit. Their child took fits there. Thompson Holands child took fits yesterday, but they are both living as far as I

know. We got a letter from Wm. Louden the very evening after my dear little Anna Marie's death, stating they were all well and had a son on the 20th of July. I wrote them to let them know my loss. I feel very desolate since my little dove has left me, but then I think on my husband and my other dear little ones. For other friends I feel as if I had none, you are all so far away that it sometimes seems I will never see you.

You speak of us going in August. We cannot go at that time. I sometimes think I can hardly go and leave my little dear lying in the cold ground. I have been composing lines. If I have room in this letter I will copy some of them.

I am longing to hear from Sarah. If you have heard please let me know. We have Sarah Ann Baskins spinning wool. I knew we could not get it done and I thought better to get her and have it done. Patterson went to Bloomfield the Monday of the August court. Boden was to meet him there but he did not go. Henrietta is better. Deborah, I am sorry you are so weakly. I will try to get up in the fall if we are well. Grandmother had the ague and is so cross we can hardly live with her. When you write mention her, for she pouted about the last – neither you nor Mr. Collins mentioned her. I did not tell you Betsy Linten was at my babys funeral. She tried all in her power to comfort, but poor thing, her own trouble came in her mind. Deborah staid all night and till the next evening. It seemed I had no other friends to fly to for friendship. James and Eliza Patterson came too. Direct the next letter to Millerstown. We did not get the last for a week or 10 days. Please write soon.

## LETTER 14

*Written by Mary Ann Fulton to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson, in Millersburg, Perry County PA. Original in possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Shirleysburg, August 31, 1842.

Dear Sister,

We received yours of the first of August on the 20th. We are so sorry to hear of your family being sick, and hope you are now enjoying better health. Still we fear the worst as the sickly season is here now. But we must trust in the Lords goodness. He will do as he sees best.

You feel deeply the loss of your sweet babe and we truly feel for you. Yes, we all have shed tears for your loss, but all we can do is pray for you. You lament our being so far from you in your trouble, bur we lament the same lonesomeness, for we feel ourselves strangers. We have no friend's house to go to.

We got a letter from Sarah last Wednesday. They are all well now. Louden, she says looks better than before, but is not able to work yet. She has given up comeing to see us this fall. She says Sam was

to farm on shares for them, Louden to find the feed and horses and to give him the fourth of what he would raise, but he did not work the corn well. Her babe, Deborah she calls her, can creap every whare and will soon walk. Poor Sarah does not complain. I wonder if she is happy.

We have not heard from Betsy for 3 or 4 weeks. They were all well then. James McCracken had a child died of dysentary and his wife had it too when we heard. Betsey still thinks she will try to come see us this fall, but then her arm is weak and she cannot carry the child without him or Robert coming with her. I wish you and her could meet here when you come for I fear we will never all meet again.

I must tell you about ourselves. We are all well now, thanks to the Lord. Deborah is got able to go to visit today. She is still weak but better. Mother and the rest is well. Nancy is finished her school and is at home. Thompson is working at his trade. We are not doing any grate business here yet. The times are dull and money scarce. I do not know how but we will get along some way.

We had our communion last Sunday week. Mr. Corell from Newton Hamilton was here and preached 4 days. I think he discharges his duties faithfully, but O there is so much coldness in the church.

Mother wants to know about the cow. If you think thare will be any present prospect of getting her sold or if you think she will give milk through the winter. Tell us when you write if you have seen Wait since we wrote. Tell us how all friends are, and when you are coming to see us. I do look forward to that time with pleasure. I do hope I will get down once more to see the old seans and all the friends.

Sarah advises Deborah to try the tar for her breast. I think you ought to try it too. Some say water of tar is best. She took the pills and it done her good. When you write to Eliz. Louden remember me to her and Wm. Mr. Collens has got word lately that his Mother is dead and they are going down, I think in October. Mr. and Mrs. Collens is both going. I expect you will see them. We all join in love to each of you, not forgetting Henriata and Emeline, grandmother, Catherine and Betsy, I am as ever,

Your sister, Mary Ann Fulton.

## LETTER 16

*Written by Jane Fulton Patterson, postmarked Millerstown, to her mother, Deborah Thompson Fulton, in Shirleysburgh, Huntington County PA. Original in possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Juniatta Falls, Sept. 22nd, 1842.

My dear friends,

I would have answered your letter sooner but had two reasons. I saw Debby Thompson about 2 weeks ago. She said she was writing you and I told her to tell you how we were, and the other was that

I was waiting to see if we would get word from Boden about your money. We sent him word to write to us how he was getting along with it, but he don't do it. Patterson has all the ploughing to do, and he is trying to get the seed in but before we write again one of us will go and see about it.

We are all tolerable well. I had a shade of ague about a week ago. Catherine had 2 or 3 turns of the ague but is better. Patterson cannot rest at night with the cough, but we are all working. We have been drying peaches. We got near a bushell. We have some apples dry. We have got our wool spun. I have the flanel yarn colored. If I am well I allow to weave the flanel myself. We have the cloth away. We need to save all we can these hard times for we make very little now only by our work.

About your cow, she give three quarts a day. I think she is with calf but I don't know what time. There is poor prospect of selling anything. Her first tit don't give near as much milk as the others and it still looks empty. We would sell some of ours if we could get them sold but times are dull. We met with a loss. The dogs got among the sheep one night and killed seven. We only have four left.

I have not made my carpet yet. One thing after another hinders me. We made our peach butter and preserves. I think if I keep well I will soon get more work done. I have a barrel of cucumber pickles put up and near a half barrel of old ones. We have good cabbages and beets. Everything is doing well in the garden this summer.

I was at Lintens about 2 weeks ago and Betsy and Thomas was here 2 or 3 days ago. I suppose you will think we are getting verry great, but she is very kind. She showed great kindness to me the time my dear baby was buryed. A little kindess feels very good at such times. Betsey has been in bad health but is better.

Our communion was last Sabath week in Millerstown. Mr. Dickey assisted Mr. McDonald. There was 8 added to the church, 4 on certificate and 4 on examination. I must tell you of the death of some acquaintances. Mrs. Nancy Barnet died last week. Maria Clark died in Harrisburg. Billy Branyan is dead and Susanna McConnel is dead. Mrs. Montgomery's babe is dead. It was two days older than my dear little Anna Maria. Old Freese is dead. When you write please tell me how you are getting along in every way, if you have got peach or apple butter, what you think about your cow, and if you think you can get her up. Robert McCoy has rented Clark's Ferry farm and tavern. He is to give two hundred dollars. Old Dill has his place advertised for sale or rent.

I do not know about going to see you this fall. I will if I can. If I knew the road and had a dearborn I could drive myself. It would be a great pleasure to me to see you all. But if we cannot see each other I would like to hear all about you, if any of you has a notion of getting married, but I suppose you think it is none of my business. Please let me know how Mrs. Collins is. I hope you are all doing well. Aunts has not heard from Irvines since you were here. They are

thinking of coming, I think if they do come they will get in a wasps nest. They are all angry at Irvine and indeed it is no wonder.

Write soon. Tell me if there is anything you need, such as dry fruit. I could send them. Pray for me dear friends, and may our prayers unite before the throne of God.

Your affectionate daughter and sister, Jane

## LETTER 17

*Written by Deborah Thompson Fulton to her daughter, Jane Fulton Patterson. Original in the possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Shirleysburgh, Oct. 5th, 1842.

My dear Jane,

I hope this may find you well and that you are still striving to be reconciled to the will of god and hope and trust that our affairs, whether prosperous or adverse, is all sent for good in the end. I could hardly forgive myself for leaving you sick and when your trouble so near, I was indeed sorry. You know, my dear child, that I have had my afflictions and being so far from you is among them, but I am thankful that you have a kind husband to feel for your weakness and be a comfort to you in every trouble. I hope you are both in better health. If his cough is not well get some wild cherry bark, boil it and put one pound of bark and one tb. sugar in a quart of water. Boil it down to a sirrip. It cured Nancy and Thomson.

We don't hear often from Betsey. She wrote about a month ago that her and Robert would come down. We have been looking for them three weeks. I am afraid something is the matter. James had one of their twins die and Hetty has been confined to bed for six weeks and when she wrote she was so weak she had to be propd up in bed.

You speak of times being dull. I do think it is the same all over but while we have the neceserrys of life we are better off than others.

I send a bit of fringe for your pincushion. You can pin it on. We bought huckelberrys for 8 cents a quart dry. We have made apple butter and preserves and we have a good garden and all the neighbors is very kind. Mrs. Collens is verry friendly and throws all the custom they can our way, but money is scarce. We have preaching every Sunday. When he preaches at Orbisonia in the forenoon, he preaches here in the afternoon. I believe I have told you all I know. My best respects to Mrs. Patterson and all our friends there. May God bless you and your dear children is the prayer of your mother,

Deborah Fulton.

## LETTER 18

*Written by Deborah Fulton in Shirleysburg to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson in Millerstown, Perry County PA. Original in the possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Nov. 18th (1842?)

Dear Friends,

We are glad to hear from you and to hear of your good health. We are all well. Betsey has been to see us. She came last Friday two weeks and staid until Monday. She had Robert and the babe with her. Mary Ann went home with her. She took our blankets along to weave. We had a letter from her since. She expects to get home the last of this week. We had a letter from Sarah dated Oct. 5. She says they are well. They had a Presbyterian minister from Philadelphia, a Mr. Eustece. He is to preach in Shelbyville every 4th Sabbath, and he gets 90 dollars for a 4th of his time. Louden traded one of his horses to a man who is to brake 15 acres of prarie and deliver 12 hundred rails. He has promised to do it this fall. They have the horse, Napoleon, yet. She says times are still hard. Wheat is selling at 25 to 31 cents, potatoes six, and everything else accordingly. Poor Sarah, I pity her about coming home. She can hardly bear to give it up but she says she has not the money nor any way of getting it.

I hope we are not disapointed this fall about seeing you. We look forward to it and now the time is coming near. Betsey is anxious for you to go see her. I do think you ought to try, even if you only have one day there. Mr. Collins preaches here next Sunday, and will preach here every two weeks. I hope you can be her on meeting day.

The man that Thompson worked with has quit work for this winter. Thompson has a job chopping. He is to get the wood for taking it off. That will make our wood cheaper. We are getting along much as usual. Times are dull. I think Thompson will build us a stable this winter. They are repairing streets here, hauling stone and making a first rate road. Our borough tax is 3 dollars this year but I think it will not be so much again.

There have been several marriages here, 4 last Thursday. I suppose you will think some of us will get husbands. I will tell you what my prospects is. There is a middling nice bachelar lives about here. His father has two pretty good farms and I think his son will get one of them. I think I can get him for he looks at me some times but he never speaks to me. To be sure he has two faults but I cannot expect to get a husband who is perfect. One fault is that he takes such dreadful short steps and the other is his hair stands the wrong way on his head. Now what do you think of him. If you come up I will try and show him to you.

Do excuse my folly. I ought not to write such nonsence. Our neighbors continue to be very good. They are great people to talk but goodhearted. If you do not come as soon as you expect do write.

Give our love to grandmother and all. I wish you would make up your minds to leave the litle girls here through the winter. In hopes of seeing you soon,

D. H. Fulton.

## LETTER 19

*Written by Mary Ann Fulton in Shirleysburgh to Mr. Duncan, the postmaster at Benvenue, Dauphin County PA. Original in possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Shirleysburgh, Dec. 12, 1842.

Dear friends,

Its a long time since I have addressed you, and I must confess it is my own fault. I am lazy about writing, and the reason is that I am a bad hand at it. I hope you will excuse me. We received yours telling us of your new daughter with whom we all wish you happiness.

I have been on a visit to Stone Valley this fall, where I spent 5 weeks. After I came home Nancy went to Springfield to teach school. It is the same neighborhoud that she taught in the summer. She has taken it for three months. Nancy is well pleased with teaching. We have all had good health this fall. I expect it is better than we would have had had we staid at the river. You will want to know how we like this place but I can hardly say. In some respects we are well pleased, in others not so well. One thing I must fault it for and that is it is unhandy about getting goods here. I know we are not doing as much business here as we done at the Junction, but then our living does not cost us so much.

You wish to know if thare are new beaus presented here but I can hardly tell you. As for new ones thare are none, and for the old ones they will come oftener now that there is sleaghing. If they present themselves for acceptance I will tell you. But the prospect is that Deborah and I are going to be old maids and we are resolved to live and die that no one either love or lament us. Let us hear from you soon. If you see Jane tell her you have heard from us. Mother and Deborah join me in love to you all, and our love to Julia.

I am ever your true friend, Mary Ann Fulton.

## LETTER 20

*Written by Deborah Thompson Fulton to her daughter, Jane Fulton Patterson. Added notes were written by Thompson and Mary Ann Fulton. Original in the possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

Dec. 23 (1842?)

My dear Jane,

We got your letter this day, and I am sorry to hear you both have a bad cold. I wish you had slippery ellum bark tea. It is said to be very good for a cough. We got wild cherry tree bark, boiled it doan verry strong and put in as much brown sugar as bark and we have all got well. I took a tablespoon full 5 or 6 times a day.

Nancy has give up thoughts of this winters school keeping but one of the School directors came and told her they had money to pay a teacher for three months. Others had applied but they prefered her. The time is dull and we thought best that she go. They brought a sleigh two weeks last Saturday and she boards about half a mile from the school house. She borrowed a horse last Saturday and came home to get a tooth pulled and went back yesterday. Her face was swelled but she had to go to her school. It is ten miles from home and in the dead of winter it is a great undertaking.

The man you speak of was here at the time you heard and I see she keeps no company with any other, but I dont think there will be any change in her situation verry soon. *[Daniel Gantt's Journal says that in Sept. 1842 he "spent a few days in Shirleysburg." He is probably the man referred to.]* It is likely it may happen some time. We cant be sure of matters of that sort till it takes place. Dont let any one but Paterson see this. I dont want your aunts people to hear any thing about it.

I am sorry as you that we are so far apart, but you know we had so much sickness whare we lived, and so much trouble with that bridge and the water comeing two or three times every winter in the sellar and in danger of lossing all when it came in the house, and we ware not able to buy property thare to get a living on. I would never have left Perry County.

If you are able to write, do write soon. We will be uneasy until we year you are better. Has your aunt heard from Maria. I wish you would either see or write to Boden and put him in mind of his duty.

God bless you all, D. F.

Dear Sister,

As Mother wrote you the news generally, and Mary Ann wants to write, I will just tell you how I am getting along. I quit work about a month ago at the trade and I have been chopping wood since. I got a half an acre from the man I worked for in the summer to clear for the wood. I expect to go to school some of this winter. I am afraid that my going down this winter is doubtfull as I expect to commence work in March. I would like to see you all, and if I live I will go next winter, but I hope to see you all before that.

I was over at Henrys in harvest. I only stayd one day. I felt

sorry about Miss Fritz getting married but there is a girl here that is so much like her that she does as well. Tell the children to learn their books so they can read when I go next winter. I would like to see them very much. My love to Patterson and the little girls.

Your brother, R T F.

Dear Sister,

I am to finish the letter. Mother and Thomson has both been writing but I still can find enough to say. I will tell you how we are getting along ourselves. I was over at Stone Valley this fall and staid better than four weeks. When I went over I took a peace of blankets along to weave for ourselves. It is cotton chain and I wove it while I was thare. We will have three pair. They sent me home and I brought the web along. We are making a peace of carpet too. We have all the chain. It is part woolen and the most of the filling is rags. I do not know how we will get wove yet but I think we will try easter to get over to Henrys of if we get down in the spring and could get it taken to your shop we could weave it thare, but it so hard to get anything sent from here.

I never seen times so hard as they are now, but we are beginning to get work now and I hope when we get better aquainted we will get more work. This is a place where there is a good deal of work to be done and our work is generrally verry well liked. The mileners here are not neat at all. We have been thinking of turning our store into more of a fancy store. I think by doing that kind of work ourselves we could make more for we have to pay so much carrage for heavy goods that it takes the profits the way we have to buy them. We are not making money as fast as we did when we ware at the Junction but our living does not cost as much as it did thare.

We have not a quarter of the visitors we had thare, and we do not have to cook one meal in ten. We used to do for strangers and if it had been all for friendship I would of thought nothing of it, but I know most of the visiters we had was to accomodate themselves and we ware good enough to wait on but not good enough for more.

You lament our being so far away. We too feel the lonliness of not having a friend to go see. But we try to make the best of it and trust that the lord will order all things well in the end.

Poor Saray, she is far away and I think thare is little prospect of seeing her soon. I wish she would content herself about not getting to see us. When she went away I did not expect she would get back soon. And we are all seperated too, so that we have not the pleasure we used to have with each other, nor do I expect we will ever enjoy the society of each other again as we have done. You think we ought to tell you about some of us getting married, but we will not lie about it. We will tell you when we have anything to tell, but it is likely we will never tell you one of us is going to be married. Henrys is going to stay whare they are this year. They cannot do better. Give our love to all,

Your sister, Mary Ann Fulton.

## LETTER 21

*Written by Deborah Fulton to Mr. Duncan, Postmaster in Benvenue, Dauphin County PA. Original in possession of the author.*

Shirleysburg, Jan. 7th, 1843.

Dear friend,

We received yours of the 18th, and are sorry to hear you have a bad cold. And we are sorry to hear of the Dr. and Stiles both being in bad health. Do you expect Stiles will return if he thinks the south does not agree with him?

We had a letter from Sarah about a week ago. They are well, but she says the times are hard indeed. She wishes to come home in the spring, but has not enough money. She asks us to send her ten dollars. We enclose 15 in her letter. If nothing happens to prevent she will be here in March and will stay most of the summer, perhaps he will sell his property there. I think they are tired of the west. She wishes us to tell you that she recd the papers from you for which she is grateful. We are going to trouble you with another letter for her. Please mark it paid and we will send the money.

Mother says to tell you if she had known that the Bridge would come into your hands so soon she would not of been so willing to leave it. Times are very hard here. Notwithstanding there is hardly a week goes by without a wedding. I was at one last week. We had an agreeable party and the next day the new married couple, the groomsman and myself (I being a bridesmaid) had a fine sleighride. I hope Julia has enjoyed herself sleighing. The sleighing has not been good here this winter, but such as it was we got our share of it, so you see the beaus are quite clever.

If you have an opportunity please tell Jane that you have heard from us. Mother is quite well again. We all enjoy good health. Please give my respects to Julia. I would like to see you all once more, and perhaps I will sometime. Mother, Mary & Thompson wish to be remembered to you all.

I am with respect, D. H. Fulton.

## LETTER 22

*Written by Mary Ann Fulton to Mr. Duncan, Postmaster in Benvenue, Dauphin County PA. Original in possession of the author.*

Shirleysburg, March 1, 1843.

Dear Friend,

We received your letter and are sorry to hear of your family being sick and especially Stiles. We are all well and nothing new – only this that Deborah is married. Her husbands name is Baldwin Atherton.

He has been teaching school here for some time. I expect they will live in Shirley this year.

You ask about my old batchelar beau that I was sleighing with. You think if he was clever he would visit me. I cant say anything else, but he is clever. He is the second epistal of what Davis Steel used to be, but it avails one nothing. He dont please me and for that reason we will not make a match. I have been sleighing since I wrote you but not with the old batchalor.

We got a letter from Sarah this day. She got our letter with the money safe and expects to be home in the spring. She will start as soon as the navigation opens in the spring. They are all well. About Mr. Espey, you speak of him being sold out. Is Elder still keeping store or is he sold out too. Would you make inquiry for us that we may know about sending money to them. We would send money some times if we knew exactly whare.

Mother says to tell you she is pleased with Deborah's match, and is also pleased to find you are happy with your daughter in law. Please let Pattersons know we are well if you have a chance. Our love to the Dr., his wife, and to Julia. Mother and sisters join me in love to you,

Your friend, with respect, Mary Ann Fulton.

## LETTER 23

*Written by Elizabeth Fulton McCracken in Stone Valley, Huntington County PA to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson, in Benvenue, Dauphin County PA. Original owned by Jane Patterson Tyrrel.*

April 12th, 1844.

My dear Sister,

I once more take up my pen to tell you how we are getting along. As to health we enjoy a reasonable share. We heard of your sickness and are thankfull for your recovery. I knew Mother and you wrote frequently and that you would hear about us.

I am glad to hear of Deborah and Nancy and you being placed so near each other. I hope you will enjoy great pleasure together. Just allow yourselves to overlook each other's faults and you will do well. I would be glad to be near one of my sisters, but I doubt that will ever be. I know you will think I am well off with being so near Mother's people. I do feel something more like seeing them, but I have a hard time leaving home to go see them. Mother can hardly get here, Thompson dont come and Maryann will scarcely come now either. I do not expect anything else but to hear of them all going down the river. I was in hopes when Patterson come up with Sarah he would come to see us. Tell him I thought to see him and felt disappointed when I heard that he was gone home. Mothers people excused him for not coming, but I just think he did not want to come. Tell Atherton too that we expected him to come after he took Deborah down. I thought

him and Thompson might both come in his Dearborn, but we got a letter from Sarah telling us Mother and him was gone. Now I know you and Deborah will hardly ever come to see us, and if Gauntt and Nancy does not come there will hardly ever any more of my friends visit me.

When Sarah writes she says they are all well, but I think she has not determined on going west this spring. If she was going she could get with a family that is going to Iowa the 1st of April. They are respectable people, if ever she goes I would like her to go with them. I wrote her about them but have nothing more to say.

I wish I could see you all and talk with you but that is out of the question. I did think I would go see Mother in May or June but Sarah thinks she will not be home for three months. By that time harvest will be on so it is likely I will not get to see her before fall. My babe is a fine fellow now, is out with the other boys all day. He talks a good deal but is not weaned yet. I think I will wean him but neglect it. Our children is so grown since you seen them you would not know any of them. Henry talks of going to see you next winter if he lives and Lucyann wants to go along. I must tell you John Livingston has got a wife. He got her in Tuscarora and she is named Silverthorn. He brought her up after they were married. Tell Nancy we received her letter and Lucyann is to write her an answer before long. John Comrons wife died the last of March in childbirth.

I want you to write about Deborah, and how is Mother, and how she spends her time among you, how your family is, and how Nancy and her family are, and how all our old acquaintances. If Mariah comes as she wrote she would she will be there soon. I must quit for when I begin to talk about you all I long too much to see you.

I must tell you of a couple of sermons Mr. Sterrett preached at our school house. His text was Phillipians, third chap., twelfth ver. first claus, he was denying the doctrine of sinless perfection. I dont remember to have heard a sermon altogether on that subject before. I was well pleased with it. We have got a library in our Church, we can have as many books as we please to read for 25 cts a yr. I consider it a great privilege. Tell me what sort of minister you have in Millerstown. Henry and the children joins me in love to you all,

Yours, Elizabeth McCracken.

## LETTER 24

*Written by Sarah Fulton Louden in Shelbyville MO to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson in Benvenue, Dauphin County PA. Original in possession of the author.*

Shelby Co., April the 17th.

Dear Brother and Sister,

I once more have the comfort of addressing another letter to you, and although I know it has been long since I have written I know you

always hear when Mother receives a letter. And we always hear of you when Mother writes. I wrote Mother about the middle of March. I found then it would be impossible for me to get home at the time I calculated. The ice is only now a few days out of the Misippi. I have not heard whether the boats are started yet, but likely they are. The winter set in the beginning of Nov. and continued until the beginning of this month. The oldest People say they never experienced such a long and severe winter. The wether now is like March, cold winds, but we see little signs of grass beginning to grow in the prairie.

We are all in tolerable health now. I took a bad cold a few weeks ago and it settled in my breast, and I think I never had a cough to hurt me as much, but I got some medicine from Dr. Bell.

Times here have been very hard. There appears to be no money in circulation. We heard a few days ago of Eli Taylor telling some of the people here that he heard from George Thompson of Newport of some of the folks there being broke up. He says John Bosserman, Sam Gipe, James Loudon and John K. Smith are sold out. We are anxious to hear whether it is true or not.

I had hopes of being there with you by now. It is unnecessary for me to say that I feel the need of a mother or sisters kind attention and care at this time. I am placed in rather discouraging circumstances far from any neighbors and too far from Mrs. Bell or Mrs. Matthew Corothers to be with me. Mrs. Bell is very lame with rheumatism, and Mrs. Corothers has two little children and her work to do, and Salt River is between us. Mrs. Corothers has a small house beside the one they live in that they said we could use for a few weeks. It would be a loss at this time of year but I think it is likely we will go. They wanted me to stay with them, but I think it would be better in an apartment by ourselves. You have no idea of the kind of a place this is to get a girl. None to be got that I would feel safe with. There are so few white girls who go out to work.

It is a solem thought to feel as if perhaps in a few days I might be in eternity and I feel too that I have a precious and dear little charge to leave behind me if I should be called hence. It is my request that her father take her to her grandmother. She is a fine little child, and has been healthy most of her life. She has red cheeks, is dark skind and has black eyes.

April 25th. I could not send this by last mail. We'll not go over the river and have got a girl to stay here. She came yesterday. We are tolerable well in health. Loudon wants to know if William Loudon talks of comeing to Missouri to live. Loudon joins me in love.

your affectionage sister, S F Louden.

## LETTER 25

*Written by Sarah Fulton Louden in Shelbyville MO to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson, Benvenue, Dauphin County PA. Original, in the possession of Jane Patterson Tyrrel, is torn and hard to read.*

July 25, 1844.

My dear Sister,

I am answering yours of June 2nd, but have written to Mother and suppose you have heard that I have another little daughter. It was born 29th of June. It is living but that is all. It took summer complaint when 2 weeks old and we get it checked but in a day or two it returns. For 2 or 3 days it could not suck and could only swollow drink to keep it alive. It is nothing but skin and bones. My health is better than I could expect it to be, for I have to be up every hour through the night with the babe, and cant sleep through the day for the other children, and have my work to do besides. The first week of my confinement we had no girl only a black woman one day to wash. The girl who came had to stay home that week to prepare to go to a celebration the 4th. She came when the babe was a week old and staid 2 weeks. I was glad to see her go for she was a nuisance. She could not wash, and I had to do the wash. She was the dirtiest cook I ever see and the most wasteful too. Had it not been that I had more than common strength I would have suffered for want of care for she could not get a bite fit for a sick person. But the Lord brought me through unworthy as I am. I took sick about 3 oclock but did not waken Loudon untill sun rise. He went for Dr. Carothers and as soon as he came back he started for an old lady but she did not get her untill after the Dr. had the babe dressed. I was alone while he went for the Dr., but I was thankful that he got here for there was a freshet that they had to go around. They had a quarter of mile through water andin places it was up to the saddle.

My dear sister, I felt thankfull to hear you were brought safe thru your trouble. We got the 3 papers that you sent and on the margin of one was written "a daughter." I do not know whether it was you or Mrs. Duncan wrote it. May the Lord continue to bless you.

Loudon has been tramping out his wheat. It is very light, not more than worth cutting. His oats looks well and part of his corn looks well. Our garden is very good. Our cistern has had plenty of water since May. The crops is generally good. More wheat than for several years. Not any fruit.

I had a letter from Nancy written the fifth of this month. I will write to her in a few weeks if I have time. I dont want you to be uneasy about me. My health is good. My babe is troublesome, but is better today, and if it dont have a return of disease it may be well.

I have not mentioned Deborah yet but she knows it is not want of affection. My heart fills up when I begin to write. Let Mother know as soon as you can. If you can send a paper now and then I will be glad to get them. Give my love to all and write soon.

S F L.

## LETTER 26

*Written by Sarah Fulton Louden in Shelbyville MO to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson, Benvenue, Dauphin County PA. Original, in the possession of author, is torn and difficult to read.*

Jan. the 7th, 1845.

My dear sister,

I now answer your letter of Nov. 10, which I recd about 8 wks. after it was written. I was glad to hear that you had no sickness in the fall for I felt uneasy about you when the sickly season of the year came on. I got word of Aunts death the week before your letter. It came in a letter from Mother and Mrs. Duncan. I am glad you had good hopes of Aunts state of mind, and I hope she has experienced a happy change.

We are in tolerable health. I have not been very well, my breast is disordered. Early in the winter I spit blood now and then, and two weeks ago I took a bad cold and cough and stitch in my side. I have the cough yet. The stitch is gone but has left a soreness in my side. Deborah has not been well, had light spell of fever, then took the ague. She looks pale now but is seemingly well. Margaret began to walk and to talk. You would not know her, she is fat. Her eyes are dark brown, her hair lighter than Deborahs. She is a Louden, only her eyes. Deborah is a great talker. When I tell her about her visit to your house and about your little girls she wants to talk about them. I have not heard who Deborah's son favours, but you all speak of him being a fine child. And Nancy's daughter, I would like to hear about her. Nancy never answered my letter. I wonder if she got it.

Betsey wrote a little to me in Mothers letter when she was there in the fall. I had a little hope that they would come until that, and now I gave that up. I think Henrys could get along as well here as they do there. Their family would suit so well.

I think Mother and Mary Ann is getting more satisfied in Shirley. I do hope if they make a change it may be for the better. I do feel for Mother to be tossing about in her remaining years. It is a chance if they buy again.

We did not get a new roof on our house this fall as we expected. The man who was to do it took sick and did not come to work until winter set in. I hope it will be done in the spring, but disappointments are common here. Our corn turned our very poor. The summer was wet, and it being planted in sod it done little good, and we have to buy bread. Our potatoes were drowned out and our garden poor. The corn crop generally failed. It is 25 to 30 cts per bushel. That is double what it mostly is and I suppose it will get higher. We only killed what meat would do ourselves. The hogs got fat in the woods. Our cows are not fresh, but one will be in six weeks.

Louden sold his oxen as they were getting old. He is to get 25 dolls. for them. They are all that he has ever got for his Napolien.

We dont have preaching. I have never heard a sermon since I came home. I often feel distressed to think of it. What signifies the other privations to that for without the preaching of the gospel we grow cold and careless. What signifies the hardships of this world if we are prepared for Heaven. I will now conclude. Give my love to Deborah and Atherton, Patterson and the little girls.

Farewell my dear sister, S F L.

This is for cutting off. You want to know my situation. I hardly know myself but I am afraid. I am weaning Margaret by degrees. I was in hopes it was the way my breast was in caused my health to be poor but I doubt that now. Do not be too uneasy about me. The Lord will bring me through and provide for me if he sees fit. Our prospects is no better than when we seen each other. He is so negligent. By that I suppose he will lose the price of the horse. He will not take advice. You will be wondering how we are living. We have enough but our bread is corn and has been. I have not tasted wheat for three months, but as you regard my happiness never breathe this to mortal. If it should come to the Loudons they would let him know it and then I would have more trouble than ever I have had. And let what would, I could not get from here. He is not cross to me but he he wont trouble himself. The corn is cheapest and lest trouble to him and he likes it. I dont want Mother to know this. I have not the least thing in my power or I might do something.

I want to get my saddle back, but the man who got it is L's lawyer in the case of Elis and there is still money in his bank, but I cant get to town. He never is agreed to keep the children. He thinks I am not able to walk. I have not been any place for four months.

If only I could get paper I could send without to much expence to you, write with milk on white wrapper, but I cannot get paper. I have said nothing about writing again but you know I want to hear from you all. I feel sorry that you would be to all the expense.

## LETTER 27

*Written by R. C. Brady in Washington, AR, to his cousin, Robert T. Fulton, Benvenue, Dauphin County PA. Original in the possession of the author.*

Washington, Arks, June 12, 1846.

Dear Cousin,

Yours of the 22nd received, and it afforded me much pleasure, but it would give me much more if I could see you all once more. But I am afraid that cannot be. I am well aware your mother is drawing near her grave, soon will launch her bark of life on Death's dark wave, and float to the starlit shores of heaven, and it would be a

happy moment of my existence if I could see her before she departed on her journey. You must not leave her, but remain with her, and be a pillar of light to her in her declining hours.

Pennsylvania is rather a poor place for one of your trade, it is true, and I would advise you to leave it as soon as possible. The south is but little better for mechanics, for here they are looked upon as little better than slaves. If you go into society, and are a stranger they inquire who you are. They answer with a curl of the lip, "Oh, he is only a mechanic." In the West it is different. Wages are high there, and you do not have to expend so much. I received a letter from Benjamin Brady a few days ago. He is in Wisconsin, doing well he says. He has not been to see us for two years. Stiles Duncan was over here last week. Enjoys good health and has fine prospects before him. He will be a wealthy man sometime with luck.

This is a busy time in our village at present. Volunteers are flocking in daily. The stars and stripes are floating proudly in the breeze, and guns are glittering in the sun, and the distant roll of the drum falls upon my ear. All of which makes me feel like I could cut to pieces a whole regiment of Mexicans myself! I am not certain whether I shall volunteer or not, but there is none more anxious. But sister and Etter strongly appose it. I would do anything in the world to please them, but if I go it will be without their consent. However, I have bought a horse unknown to them, and if I can go, I will start in two or three weeks.

Chambers Etter lives at Camden, about 60 miles from this place, as also Harriet and her husband. Old man Etter, I suppose, is in Harrisburg by this time. He planned to move there in the fall.

This is the greatest country under the sun. I could not do justice to it in picturing it to your imagination. In the spring the prairies are covered with the most beautiful flowers – looking like a vast flower pot. In the summer the cultivated prairies, as fas as the eye can see is covered with cotton – looking like a sea. Our town is improving. There is several new houses erecting, and one especially I may notice – a church, the first one in town.

The hot weather has come in earnest. I have been absent for some weeks in the interior and in the Choctow Nation. The country in these regions is very wild. Sometimes I would not see a house in a whole days ride. Some of the Choctow Indians are very wealthy and enlightened people. I almost fell in love with a beautiful Indian girl. I thought at the time she was the most lovely creature I had ever laid my eyes upon. She had a good education – can speak and read Spanish and French very well. I spent some happy moments in her company, but I almost forgot her as soon as I left her home. Tell Mary Ann I wish her to select a wife for me, and if she succeeds in finding one she thinks will suite me, she must let me know.

Kezia was very glad to hear that I had received a letter from you, and requested me to tell your mother or Mary to write to her. There are two of Cathie Steevers cousins living in this place. Kezia

has four children, Chambers B., John, Elizabeth and William H., all fine healthy children. John is as large as Chambers. Chambers can read and is very fond of it. When he reads to his mother, she is sure to make him read in the Bible, and he does not like to read in that very well, but most always comes to me for something to read. When he is not at school he rides about with me. He has a little Indian pony, not as big as a sheep. William and Kezia have not been sick since they left Pa. How long I shall remain here I know not, but will not leave as long as I make as much as I am at present. I have written 3 pages, therefore I must conclude with the hope that we may frequently hear from Aunt, Mary, yourself and the rest of the family. Remember me to all inquiring friends. Kezia looks as young as she did 6 years ago. You must excuse my very bad writing.

Believe me to be your affectionate cousin, R. C. Brady.

## LETTER 28

*Written by Sarah Fulton Louden in Shelbyville MO to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson, Benvenue, Dauphin County PA. Original in possession of the author.*

November the 10th, 1847.

My dear Sister,

Through the blessings of God I am once again able to write to you, which has always been a source of pleasure. I have been brought through another trial which I have much dreaded. I have another little daughter a week old this morning. I think I am quite as well as I could expect to be, and the babe is well and quite a healthly looking child. We have a black girl to take care of me. She is the best we have ever had. She is kind and attentive to me, not very neat in her housekeeping. My health seemed to be worse this fall than any other time when in the same situation, but considering what I had to come through this fall with L and the children being sick I have got along at least better than I expected. I did not feel well in the evening, but not get bad until midnight. Then for two hours or more I suffered. Dr. Bell came just in time. If the black girl had not been here, in all probability I would have fainted. She fanned me and washed my face with camphor. I have never felt so much like fainting.

Louden is not very well at times yet, and Jane Anna has now got the fever and chills. Margaret is well. I am writing as if you had heard of their sickness. I wrote to Mother on the 9th of Oct. I got a letter from Jane that was written the 21st of Sept. in which she tells me that Mother was sick, also your two younger children. I felt anxious to get an answer for I was afraid about Mother.

I don't know if I can tell you any news. We are just getting along as usual. I still have the wish to go back in the spring, and I dont want to give it up for I feel that living here is trying to work with one hand and throwing it away with the other. Louden puts me

out of heart often about it, for he says there would be no more to be made by butchering there than here, and wont hear me when I tell him that I could do something towards the living there. The way everything is here I can do nothing more than work garden, and that dont make anything. A great deal of my hard work in the garden is of no use, for the after part of the summer and fall has been so dry that nothing could grow. I think the work that I do, if it was in the right way, I could make myself and children more comfortable. I am truly out of heart about the way we are situated. We have a man now husking corn and he dont do more than half a days work. L cant get his work done without some help, and he puts off getting help until he looses for want of it.

I must answer Nancy soon. What do you think of the way Mr. Irwin is doing? It seems to me strange. I think Linten hardly mourned much for Beth.

I don't know what we will name our daughter. I had the naming of the last one. Now I tell her father to name her, but I suppose he never will. If there is a name he would like to have he wont tell it. I did intend to write a little to Henrietta in answer of hers to me, but I have scribbled so long I hardly have room.

Farewell, my dear sister, S F L.

I forgot to tell you that Mrs. Matthew Carothers came over one of the nights I was sick and stayed 2 days with me. She acts with sisterly kindness when she has it in her power, but she has four little ones to take care of and they are 3 miles from us. Is Mrs.Shields at the Gate, or are they going into some place, that I might attend to, come to stay on there. Could we, do you think, get boarders? I suppose there would be no room for a little store or shop of that kind if we get there?

## LETTER 29

*Written by R. C. Brady in Indianola TX to his cousin, Robert T. Fulton, in Oliver Township, Perry County PA. Original in the possession of the author.*

Indianola, March 29, 1854.

R. T. Fulton, Esq.,
My Dear Cousin,

Your letter announcing the death of Aunt has been received. Though I have long expected to hear it, yet it shocked me a great deal, and I was in hopes God would have spared her till I saw her once more. But in His infinite goodness this happiness has been denied me. They are all gone now, and we are left to mourn their departure. Yet we should not do so, for they all have had their trials and perplexities in this world, and have but gone to another to reap their reward. My wife and myself truly sympathise with you and Mary Ann in your sore afflictions. I feel that I have lost a loving

and affectionate aunt, and as my relatives are but few, I feel more strongly linked to them. We are scattered in every portion of the Union, yet I hope we may, or some of us at least, be again near together that we can converse together as of yore.

Please send aunt's daguerriotype to this place. Envelope it well, for I would not miss receiving it for anything. I have not succeeded in selling out yet, and consequently am unable to say when I shall leave here. I will go to Arks. this summer, however, on a visit. But should I not be here, it and all letters will be taken care of for me.

I think I will settle near here and go into the stock business raising cattle and sheep. This is one of the most pleasant and at the same time, one of the most profitable business in the state. I would be glad to see you in Texas. I am convinced you could do better here than in Pa or in the West. All kinds of mechanics get large wages. Carpenters get about two dollars a day, but this dont pay, and I would advise you to settle on a farm and raise stock. You can get 160 acres of government land near a town by improving it, and can buy as much more as you want at 50 cents per acre. On this land you could raise vegetables, make butter, sell milk and more than make your expenses. Your cattle need no feed in winter. I cannot go into any other business until I sell out here, so I do not have the means. As soon as I do I will let you know what I will get at.

I heard from sister a short time ago. She has another daughter. This makes eight! I am more fortunate, so far I have none. My wife and I live so happily together that it has become the talk all over the town. If you could see us, I know it would induce you to take a better half. Remember me to Mary Ann. I would give more to see you and her this night than any persons living. I heard from Brother about a month ago. All were then well. Write often. If I have been remiss it is because I have inflammed eyes so that I read and write no more at night than is absolutely necessary.

Your affectionate cousin, R. C. Brady.

## LETTER 30

*Written by Sarah Fulton Louden to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson. There is no envelope and no date, but probably written about 1855, the year of Matthew Louden's death. Original in the possession of the author.*

Dear Jane,

We have been looking ever since Henrietta came for word from you, but could not hear nothing until today. Henrietta seen H. Miller, he told her he had seen you and heard nothing being the matter. But I still dont feel satisfied. I am afraid you are not well yet. Henrietta is well, but did not get her school began until Monday. They baffled about and did not get the room ready sooner. I suppose she will only have three months.

I suppose you heard of Betsey Bells death. She was only sick a week. She lay in a sleeping way all the time. I did not see her. I could have walked up but I would have had to cough all the time. I was not at the funeral either. I have been spitting blood oftener than I did before and I feel my breast sore, and of course a cold will hurt me more. James Loudon and wife and Henry Ewalt was all that came over the mountain. Peggy Ewalt had fell and broke her arm some days before. It was a bone in her wrist was broken.

I have heard nothing from Missouri nor from Bloomfield, only by Miss Cooper. Amanson had written to her. James Louden, his wife, and Ewalt came to see me the evening after the funeral. James soon began to inquire at me what I thought of haveing done with the land. He advises to sell by all means as it is now that the price of it would be most value to the children and me. He thinks if it would bring five dollars per acre not to refuse it. Ewalt says he thinks as James. I suppose I wont be minded what I say.

Jane, I must make out a memorandum and I am ashamed to do it but I dont know how to help it, and more to ask for money, but I have but one dollare besides a five to pay this quarters rent. If you could let me have two or three dollars to pay for another load of wood. Jane, this is a necessity or I would not do it. I think I will write to Matthew Corothers to see if he would intercede for me. My memorandum will be long: A grist of wheat, 2 lbs of coffee, ½ lb tea, some hard soap, butter if you have it, a pint of brandy, a flour cast. If you have hoarhound do send me a little, or greens if it is growing near. And I wish you would send woolen stockings for Henrietta. She says not, but I think she ought to have them. If you have not butchered for us and have a chance, send us something of meat for we need some now, and some shortening if you have it. Henrietta is saying she needs some clothes, underones most. I hope we will soon hear from you. I suppose no hopes of seeing you soon.

## LETTER 31

*Written to Sarah Fulton Louden and her daughter, Deborah, by Sarah's sister-in-law, M. B. Louden. There was no envelope or address for Sarah, but she probably was in Newport. Original in the possession of the author.*

Canonsburg, May 15, 1855.

Dear Deby,

I have long looked for a letter from you and was wondering if you had not received mine, or if you had forgotten the lone one altogather, but it has come at last, and come like a night mare, and am I never to receive a letter from you but it must be the messenger of death. How in a moment can lifes fondest hopes be crushed. You speak of your feelings towards him and of his unasuming and unpretending kindness. Of that I also can testify, for among the changes of life like himself his own kind heart remained unchanged, and when daily my thoughts averted back to my home and friends there was no

one held a hier or stronger hold upon my affections. But this is mortality. I have been thinking all spring about writing to you for I had not heard one word from any of you since Benjamin wrote after the death of Betsey.

I was expecting some bad news from a dream I had on the very Saturday night you say Matthew laid a corps, but I never thought it would be Matthew. I am sorry to hear of James health. If he is idle why dont he and Betsy come out here. It dont cost much now. They never have to change seats if they come to Pittsburg. There is a coach comes out every day and there is hacks going back and forward every week. If they set a day and let me know a Hack would meet them, I would be very glad to see any of you come.

Has Margaretta got better of her cold. And now, sister Betsy, a word for you. We were long an unbroken band. The Lord delt gently with us. Death did not enter our dwelling for 40 years. Then the parents were taken. And now the third one is taken. Our days are hastening away.

Dear Stricken Sister Sarah,

How shall I address you, or what shall I say. When the Lord speaks, man is to harken. He has taken the head of the family, a husband, a father, a brother. I know your feelings. If tears could wash away your sorrow, I could wash them away. But that cannot be. We must bear our cross. We thank God that he was not left suffering for months and you watching him in agony.

Another day has passed. I have been busy washing and working all day until I am wearied in body and mind. Now, Sarah, I want to hear from you what your plans are. Betsy wrote that your sister had offered you a couple of rooms in Blumefield, but she did not know what you wanted. I make an offer to you. As long as I have a roof to shelter me, I will share it with you and yours. I have kept no boarder since Magy took sick last spring. I felt unable to attend to them, and in the fall bording was low and provision so high, I concluded I would not take any. But next September, if health permits, I will try again. I know your indipendent spirit. What I would offer if you would come here, you and I go jointly and keep a boarding house. Our famblys are about the same size. There is a Mrs. McGinnes, who is a widow. She came here this spring and set up a bording house right opesit to me. She has 9 borders and has 5 rooms rented out. She is doing all her work herself. And she is supporting her six children. Let me hear from you soon. I have a very comfortable house and all well furnished. The rooms I rent, which pays the rent of my house, and two lots and we will have room plenty for your fambly and mine beside. They have good schools here. We can make our living and educate our children. That is all we want. Whatever your plan is, let me know, and anything I can do, I will do it.

My love to the children, M B Louden.

## LETTER 32

*Written by Sarah Fulton Louden in Newport to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson. It was no date but was probably written in the fall of 1855. Original in possession of the author.*

Tuesday, Newport.

Dear Jane,

I suppose you have been thinking it strange that I never answered your last letter, but I have got a letter the day before from Himes telling me he had rented for us in Newport. Then I was worse. The doctor said it was congestion of the liver and for a week I was weak and poorly so I thought I would not be able to move, but I thought if we could move it would not suit to go now to the gate the way I am in. We would be too far from neighbors. Well, when I got better I felt as if I wanted to move as soon as possible and Himes wrote to me that if we could get no way of coming down to let him know and he would see to getting us down. We got down sooner than I expected, and when we came the house was not ready. It was in use as a ware room, and then no certainity of it only a month at a time. So I concluded to take 2 rooms upstairs in Zimmermans. So we got our things moved in and came ourselves to it on Saturday. I suppose I am worse for having to walk about so much. My cough is worse and I had a chill today, and this evening I am up since the fever is off. But we cant get fixed as we could if I was able to go out. We have got a load of wood, but cant get it. There is few here to do such jobs and I am not able to go look for anyone.

I do wish you could get up to see me as I feel in dull circumstances not being able to do anything and feeling the need I have. If there would be any chance of Thompson sending us some potatoes I wish he would send some and if there is any of the turnip cabbage in, Jane, would you send some. I cant pay for them but I feel in need of a little help. I will want some coffee and butter and brandy, but I will make a memorandum Wednesday. I feel weak, had to go to bed awhile. Deborah is baking and I want to be here with her.

We met with Emiline at Gantts when we came down, but I hardly had any talk with her. I had to be down as soon as we came, and then I went to dinner, and when that was over there was strangers in. She wrote to me the next day that her uncle had given her some money for me and that she would send it down with Gantt. He has not been here yet. He gave me a five dollar note when we were starting. He seemed to give that as lent. He had told me before he would be answerable at a store for clothing for the children, on account of that no money. But I suppose that was set aside for he said no more about it. She knew it and knew how needy we are. I had to give a dollar and 35¢ for another set of books for the children, and a dollar for a load of wood and must give 50¢ at least for cutting it. We did not get all our things brot down. The old beauro, and it has a good many things in it we are bad off for, I thought it was coming untill the last or I could have had the things taken out, but I suppose I

had to be down 4 or 5 times before we got away. I do long to see you and if I dont soon get better I think I will leave this world of sin and trouble. Is Lucy at your house yet. I was in hopes I could have had them shirts done by this time but I seem unable to do anything. I am nervous and cant see well. If I was able to do it I could get as much sewing as I could do from Zimmerman.

Jane, we need a chamberpot, if you have a cheap one. I will want to hear about how the cow is doing. I would like it if we had her. I can hardly drink my coffee without cream. I am longing for some good butter. We had to leave our chickens, and 6 or 8 dozen eggs. I dont ask for eggs, but I would of wanted the chickens if they could have been brought. I hope to see you soon for I cant write any more.

Farewell, S F Louden.

## LETTER 33

*Written by Mary Ann Fulton, probably in New Bloomfield about 1857, to her sister, Jane Fulton Patterson. Original in possession of Betty Wolfe Redfield.*

March 12th

Dear Sister,

I promised to let you know the time of Gantts sale. It will be the last Friday of this month. That will be, I think, two weeks from tomorrow. I was in Pettersburgh to see about some way of living. I did not get a house then, but this week I got a letter from Mr. Black saying there is one that I can have. The rent would be twenty dollars. It is a good deal for me to pay but I suppose I had better take it at that. To be without a home is hard.

There is a protracted meeting here, and it is still going on. Mr. Sterret and Mr. Williams is here. Nancy wants you to send her some hard soap if you have any dry. She wants to take some with her. We thought you would have come over, but Patterson said he thought you would come the time of the sale. I wrote to Thompson about two weeks ago, but have never heard from him. I wonder if they will be over. I do not know whether I will be over there before the first of April or not. Nancy is nearly sticking in work and I have been attending the meeting. If I move I ought to get ready, and I hardly know what I will have to do before. If Bethia has sent her blanket, I will have to weave them. Or if there is other weaving there I ought to do it. So I will not know what to do. I wish you would write if you have a chance and let me know about these things. If Henrietta is home Sunday I could get a line from you on Monday. I have a lot to do before moving. I feel very bad to know what is best to do. I long to hear from you.

My love to all, your sister, Mary Ann.

## LETTER 34

*Written by Mary Ann Fulton in Petersburg PA to her niece, Henrietta Patterson. There is no envelope so Henrietta's residence is unknown. Original in possession of the author.*

Petersburg, Feb. 6/65

Dear Henrietta,

Yours of the 10th receaved, and I waited, expecting to see your Mother before I would answer it. If I had known it would be so long I would of answered it at once. I have just returned home from your Father's. I went today. Your Mother is very lean in flesh, the most so I ever saw her. She has a cough too, but is able to attend to her work and I hope she will be spared a long time yet with you. She has no heeted flesh which is a good sign. I just got a chance of going on a sled and returning this way. She seems to get along pleasantly.

I will tell you how I get along, very lonly all winter, but Mary Ann *[Atherton]* is home now. She has resigned her office in Shankin. She will remain home for awhile. I have had plenty of weaving all winter and still have. I would like to visit you and did think that I would but now I cannot see my way clear. If I do I will write you. Debbie Louden is here now on a visit of a few days. Times has been brisk for some time past amoung the young, sleighing has been remarkably good for two months or near it. For my part I have had no share, but no matter about that.

There is bad news here about Isaac McCoy. He is missing, either killed or a prisoner, not known which. His mother hopes the latter. I hope you are getting along pleasantly as I suppose if you only have plenty of work and good pay. I see in some of the papers that the ladies is turning out for higher wages, and I think it is time. Females has been imposed upon long enough. I do hope the time is not far distent when they will have a living when they work for it. I do think that the way working females has been imposed upon is one of the sins of this country, and God will hear their cry. I have not become a lecturer on womens rights but I have been a thinker for a long time. Females has never got paid for their labour equal to men, and I do think God will judge men for thus treating the defenseless.

Enough of that. Your Mother says she was written for you to come home the first of March so I suppose you will be home soon. I hope you will now forgive me for not writing sooner. I have not seen Grandmother, but hear she is as usual. James Leadey is home on furlough. He has been sick but is recovering. Mary Ann sends her love. I will enclose this in one to Mary as I am writing to her too.

Hoping to hear from you soon, Your Auntie, Mary A.

## LETTER 35

*Written by Mary Ann Fulton in Duncannon (formerly Petersburg) to her niece, Henrietta Patterson. Original in possession of author.*

Duncannon, April 28/67

Dear Henrietta,

I was going to write to you but I find I have nothing but a sheat of foolskap. However I suppose you will accept that. I had thought of writing just after the girls was here but I realy have so much to do I can hardly get time to write. The day after they were here there was a person asked if if I thought they could get Lucy to live with them. I told them I thought not, but I was thinking that if Addie did not go to Millerstown that she could come down here and she could do as she pleased. She would get very good wages. Is she gone to Millerstown yet. If she has not got word from them now she need not expect any now.

We are going to have communion here in 2 weeks. Then Mr. Creagh is going to leave us. I must tell you of a sad affair that happened yesterday. Jeff Foos was killed. He was contracting near Oil City and was mining, and the earth caved in and buried him. He was got out as soon as possible, but he was dead. He was brought home this morning. I saw him. He will be buried on Thursday. His Mother is in an awfull way. It is a warning for us all to do what is right for the judgment of Heaven will overtake people sooner or later. I thought I would tell you.

Is Henry still in Bloomfield? If he stays I will write to him. I am very busy and will be for some time to come. Write soon. Tell me all that is going on. With much love to you, your father, sisters, brother. I forgot to tell you your grandmother is as usual. Your Aunt was here last week, but no more.

Your Auntie, Mary A. Fulton.

## LETTER 36

*Written by Mary Ann Fulton in Owings Mills MD, where she was living with her niece, Mary Ann Atherton Geary, to Laura Patterson Ferguson, another niece. Original in the possession of author.*

Owings Mills, March 15/85.

Dear Laura,

It is long since I heard from you and I thought I would write. My health has been very poor since the first of last month. I am able to sit up most of the time, but that is about all. I heard that your Pop has been at Harrisburg on a visit. I think by all accounts he must enjoy better health than I have. I also heard that you and Mr.

Ferguson was going to the inauguration. If you did I would of liked to of seen you.

Our folks here is about to go to Florada. Geary left the 9th of Feb. He is much pleased with that country. Has bought there in a place called Beela. I think it is about the center of the state, Marien County. Oscela is the county seat. Has about three thousand inhabitance. There is two real roads run into it and a third is survaid. He is building them. He expects to take up more land and plant an orange grove when he went there. He said the oranges had plenty on them. Mary thinks she will be ready to start about the first week in April.

We would like to hear from you before we go. I have not heard from Amelia for a long time. I wonder if Henriata is going to stay with Henry. I wonder how Henry gets along.

Well, I have no news to tell you. We will have more after we go to Florada, if we live to get thare. But write before we go. Give my love to Glen and the children. Remember me to your Pop and Mr. Ferguson. Please accept of my love,

from your Auntie, Mary A. Fulton.

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